

RG104 Entry 235

Volume 061, with index

May 5, 1891 – July 30, 1891

Letters sent by the office of the Director of the Mint.

RG 104 RECORDS OF THE BUREAU OF
THE MINT

Records of the Bureau of the
Mint

Correspondence

LETTERS SENT, 1873-1917

Vol. 061 of 600

NC-152, Entry 235

RG 104 RECORDS OF THE BUREAU OF
THE MINT

Records of the Bureau of the
Mint
Correspondence

LETTERS SENT, 1873-1917

Vol. 061 of 600

NC-152, Entry 235

Allen, Geo. W. - 139 -

American Ex. Natl. Bk. - 17-33-53-62-78-89-105-121-132-148-
170-188-201-219-236-249-268-300-312-358-373-399-410-432-
447 -

Ames, Oscar, A. - 162 -

Anglo-Calif. Bank. - 202-219-312-358-374-399-410-422
432-447 -

Anderson, Geo. - 476 -

Ayers, H. H. - 139 -

Bosé City, Army Office. - 26-34-42-55-59-83-92-107-141-159-
184-213-220-221-238-302-308-342-348-277-371-440-441-449-462-
468-472-479-484-491.

Batellier, Hon. Gen. - Sec: U. S. Minister Res + Consul Genl, Portugal.

Barber, Chas. E. - 147-

Baring, Wagon Co. Mex. - 125-

Barrett, H. - 153-

Bell Copper, Sm. & Rolling Co. - 52-461-477-

Bank of Calif. - 310-

Barstine, Hon. W. H. - 337-341-

Beall, Robt. - 127-140-

Beale, Gen. E. H. - 112-

Bissinger, E. - 146-

Boston & Cold Sm. Co. - 17-32-54-89-107-122-133-148-157-201-
268-300-347-375-410-412-433-

Blanchard, Hon. N. C. - 284.

Blaine, Hon. J. G. - 460-

Borloughs, A. - 131-

Braunigan, H. - 300-

Brown, N. K. B. - 218-

Brendon, L. & Bros. - 375-432-

Bringham, Robt. - 130-

Brown, N. K. Bro. - 155-

Buchanan, S. G. - 126-

Butler, B. H. - 119-

Butler, Henry - 153-

Burke, L. D. - 155-

Carson Mint, Supt. 1-2-8-27-28-35-42-56-59-60-63-64-65-
72-78-84-92-96-97-108-114-123-133-142-149-160-165-166-173-
174-175-180-181-189-203-204-205-213-214-221-229-253-257-261-278-
293-294-302-303-315-³¹⁹320-321-331-337-341-353-357-360-368-392-403-411-413-414-
427-428-439-442-449-450-464-473-479-485-498-

Carson Pascal - 156-

Census, Supt. - 164-

Charlotte Mary Office - 3-19-26-84-98-141-142-169-181-182-189-
206-279-331-342-348-350-351-367-378-392-401-404-416-423-434-
472-

Chesterman, W.D. - 135-

Clark, Dodge & Co. - 16-54-61-69-77-88-106-121-132-149-157-
169-187-200-219-236-249-268-284-301-311-345-358-364-374-
398-410-422-432-447-

Commercial & Fine Chron. 31-

Consolidated Kansas City Sm. & Ref. Co. - 16-31-53-62-82-122-123-148-157-
170-188-201-312-358-364-375-399-409-433-447-

Conway, M. S. - 103

Coulter, Chas. R. 356-

Copp, E. R. - 153-

Dewar Mint. - 20-21-43-60-79-84-115-141-170-182-183-184-193-
314-205-206-254-308-316-332-365-367-379-380-393-394-404-416-443-
464-480-486-497-

Dewey & Co., Messrs. - 178-

Del Corral - F. J. - 83-

Dutton W. W. - 96-

D
E
F
G
H
I
J
K
L
M
N
O
P
Q
R
S
T
U
V
W
X
Y
Z

Engineering and Mining Journal. - 31 -

E
F
G
H
I
J
K
L
M
N
O
P
Q
R
S
T
U
V
W
X
Y
Z

Flagler, Brig. Genl. D.M. - see Ordnance (Chief of)

Fourth Natl. Bk. - 62-69-78-89-122-133-157-170-201-219-236-
347-358-364-375-399-

Greenanthe, Sir Chas. - 164

French, D. C. - 94-

Frenzel, J. - 153-

F
G
H
I
J
K
L
M
N
O
P
Q
R
S
T
U
V
W
X
Y
Z

Geological Survey, Director - 164 -

Gelert, J. - 162 -

Glaris, Dr. Geo. O. - 363

(Main) Globe Sm. & Ref'g Co. - 22

Goodnight, D. W. - 153 -

Grabach - Wm - 131 -

Green, W. L. - 126 -

Gretech, A. - 153 -

Gross, H. P. - 286 -

G
H
I
J
K
L
M
N
O
P
Q
R
S
T
U
V
W
X
Y
Z

Harter, Hor. Michael D. - 5-58-68-

Haundy, Harman - 16-32-54-61-68-78-89-105-122-133-148-156-169-
187-201-219-236-249-268-283-301-311-342-345-357-363-374-399-410-
421-433-446-

Haupt, Ottomar - 178-289-436-

Hansen, C. H. - 137-

Hanauer, A. - 22-137-

Harris W. H. - 267-

Harris, M. H. - 347-

Hassan, A. A. - 287-

Helena Assay Office - 9-10-22-35-38-43-44-59-84-92-123-
141-167-182-183-193-206-215-229-270-285-309-365-366-369-378-404-
405-434-435-444-453-456-465-474-475-486-491-

Heidelback, Ickelheimer Co. - 53-187-202-346-358-363-374-410-
422-432-

Heidemann, Mica. - 155-

Hill, N. C. & C. L. - 155-

Humble, M. M. - 154-

Hutchus, V. S. - 163-

H
I
J
K
L
M
N
O
P
Q
R
S
T
U
V
W
X
Y
Z

Interior, Sec'y. of. - 136 -

I
J
K
L
M
N
O
P
Q
R
S
T
U
V
W
X
Y
Z

Johnson, Geo. A. 154-

Jackson, M. A. 156-

Jordan, Thos. - 492-493-498-

J
K
L
M
N
O
P
Q
R
S
T
U
V
W
X
Y
Z

Kohn, Popper & Co. - 268-

Kolburn, Mr. W. W. 313-

Kretschman, E. A. - 162-

Kyle, L. E. - 155-

K
L
M
N
O
P
Q
R
S
T
U
V
W
X
Y
Z

Lander, Miss E. J. - 120 -

Laidlaw & Co. - 346-375 - 398-431 -

Leech, Rev. S. V. - 363 -

Loaiza & Co. (W) 33-121-313-347-364-375 -

Louguemare, A. - 137 -

L
M
N
O
P
Q
R
S
T
U
V
W
X
Y
Z

McCreary, Wm B. - 402 -

McGonnigle, Major Andrew J. - 478 -

Michels, Evan C. - 397 -

Mitchell, H. - 137 - 138 - 147 - 227 - 234 -

Miller, Chas. J. - 162 -

Mills, Hon. R. G. - 408 -

Mooney, J. - 163 -

Moore & Schley, 16 - 32 - 77 - 106 - 219 - 285 - 301 - 312 - 346 - 364 - 373 -
400 - 432 - 447 -

Morgan, Wm E. - 259 - 318 - 336 -

Morrell, Mrs. J. R. - 156 - 237 -

Morton, Hon. Levi P. - 401 -

M
N
O
P
Q
R
S
T
U
V
W
X
Y
Z

New Orleans Mint - 1-2-3-10-11-12-28-29-36-37-44-45-46-47-55-
56-60-65-72-73-81-84-85-93-97-98-100-116-117-128-140-143-144-150-
160-161-165-168-173-174-176-181-184-189-190-191-194-195-204-215-
222-223-230-231-242-250-255-262-263-271-278-279²⁸⁵-294-295-296-302-303-
304-315-322-323-324-325-326-333-337-338-341-343-351-353-360-367-368-369-
378-380-392-416-424-428-429-435-442-450-451-456-457-463-466-480-
485-487-488-499-500-

New York Assay Office - 2-23-55-84-100-109-106-116-128-142-
143-149-161-166-167-168-183-207-216-221-229-230-238-271-280-316-
333-351-352-378-384-423-428-451-452-488-

Newage, Colgate & Co. - 17-32-54-77-106-121-132-170-188-249-284-
347-357-364-409-422-432-432-446-

Nevada Bank, 32-53-62-78-89-170-284-447-

Noble, Hon. J. W. 136-

N
O
P
Q
R
S
T
U
V
W
X
Y
Z

Ordinance. Chief of. 15-88-103-

Olson, J. E. 162-

O
P
Q
R
S
T
U
V
W
X
Y
Z

Philadelphia Mint. 1-2-4-8-12-13-14-15-21-24-29-30-35-38-42-46-
47-48-49-50-51-56-57-60-61-64-66-67-73-74-75-76-81-84-85-86-
87-90-93-97-100-101-102-107-109-110-117-118-124-128-129-141-144-145-
150-151-152-159-160-161-166-168-169-174-175-176-184-185-185-186-
186-189-190-191-192-195-196-204-205-208-209-216-223-225-226-231-232-233-234-
238-239-240-241-242-243-244-245-246-255-256-257-258-261-264-265-266-
280-281-282-283-294-295-296-297-298-299-305-306-307-309-310-313-316-
317-318-320-325-326-327-329-334-335-336-338-343-344-345-353-354-360-
361-366-367-370-371-378-381-383-395-396-397-406-407-411-412-415-417-418-
420-421-425-429-430-431-436-441-442-445-450-452-458-466-467-
468-473-475-480-481-485-487-490-491-497-499-
Fairbank, Chas. J. - 154.

Penn. Co. for Insurance Lives & Granting Annuities. 358-364-399-

Piza, Nephews & Co. - 376-399-409-413-

Plumb, Hon. P. B. - 468-

Porter, Hon. R. P. - 164-

Powell, J. W. - 164-

Postmaster Genl. - 218-

P
Q
R
S
T
U
V
W
X
Y
Z

Quartermaster, U.S.A. - (Bull 2) 478 -

Q
R
S
T
U
V
W
X
Y
Z

Rowland, R. A. - 154 -

Rimmer, C. H. - 154 -

Reid, Hon. Whitelaw. See U. S. E. E. & M. P. - France -

Royal Mint, London - Deputy Master - 164 -

Ralston, A. J. - Pres't. Selby Lumber Co. - 248 -

Rothwell, R. P. - 492 -

Royal Mint, (Australia) - Deputy Master - 476 -

Roberts, E. H. - 407 -

R
S
T
U
V
W
X
Y
Z

San Francisco, Cal. - U. S. Mint - 1-2-5-8-9-24-28-36-43-46-57-52-
 56-57-59-60-63-64-66-68-73-77-79-81-84-85-87-93-97-107-110-115-
 118-125-128-129-130-133-134-143-152-159-160-165-166-169-174-
 175-181-186-189-197-198-204-210-211-214-217-222-223-226-234-243-247-248-
 258-261-266-267-274-279-283-293-294-296-299-302-303-310-316-317-320-
 322-329-330-337-341-345-353-355-360-361-363-366-368-369-371-372-389-
 390-392-409-414-415-421-425-431-436-442-446-450-452-453-459-468-⁴⁷⁷482-485-
 Sargent, O. N. 104 - Samuels, W. 199 -
 Sedmore, Miss E. R. 112 - Senate, Doc. 2. Com. Sup. 461 -
 Seaverz, A. H. 163 - Schlicher, J. J. 470
 Selby, Sam. L. 54-89-105-132-149-157-170-188-202-236-248-
 249-268-284-300-312-319-347-37-375-399-409-432-439-447-
 Seltirk, Chas. 154 -
 Seligman, J. M. & Co. 17-32-311 -

Sexton, Dr. A. 291-459 - Smith, Hon. Chas. E. Sec. U. S. E. & M. B. -
 Shedy, Dennis - Mgr. Globe Sm. & Ref Co. 22
 Sloan, Eliz. C. 138 -
 Spinner, L. P. 126 -
 Sorber, Carl. 146 - Southwick, A. A. 163
 Stewart, Hon. Wm. M. 39-398 -

Storck, C. H. (As. Cash.) 17
 Silvester, Fred H. 154 -
 State, Secy. 460

St. Louis Assay Office - 3-9-31-38-39-85-134-142-167-177-
 182-184-206-270-356-372-378-391-441-444-445-453-473-475-

Stubenrath, Chas. 163

St. Gaudens, A. 95-131-137-147-227-241-
 Stier, H. C. 287 -

Sweet, W. 373 -

S
T
U
V
W
X
Y
Z

Treas'y Dept. - Secretary - 6-7-17-18-25-33-34-41-65-91-113-122-140-158-159-
172-173-179-180-188-212-227-228-237-250-252-269-301-307-308-314-315-
331-339-340-347-352-359-368-376-390-400-402-405-440-448-454-462-483-490-

Tausig, Prof. F. W. - 408-

Treas'y Dept. Acty. Secy. - 171-
" " Asst. Secy. - 426-

Treas'y Dept. - First Auditor - 1-7-19-26-41-54-55-63-72-96-202-203-
220-228-229-237-241-252-359-377-426-433-440-448-454-461-471-478-
483-

Treasurer, U. S. - 90-127-158-211-260-314-352-400-
" " Asst. (N. Y.) - 407-

Thomas, Hon. W. W. jr. - See U. S. E. E. & M. P. Stockholm, Sweden.

Townsend, A. M. - 372-

Truscott, A. - 154

Turrell, Hon. O. B. - 200-

T
U
V
W
X
Y
Z

V
W
X
Y
Z

Westermann, B. & Co. 33-104-293-454-

West, W. H. - 497-

Wheeler, Hor. Jrs. - 179-

Whitehead, Cabell. - 58-287-

Winchel, E. E. 156-

Wilkes, S. G. - 154-

Williams, M. J. - 235-

Wormser, J. & S. - 33-53-77-89-187-202-219-268-301-312-358-374

Wood & Payson, (Minn.) - 356-

Werschoffer & Co. - 17-

Woof, Thos. - 139-

Wright, B. J. - 163-

Wurtz, E. H. - 156-

W
X
Y
Z

X
Y
Z

Yandell, Enid. 154-

Y
Z

Grimm (Frisch) - 33-53-62-69-77-89-105-120-121-132-149-
170-187-202-219-249-300-346-357-364-375-399-410-422-432-
447-

Jearing, W. H. - 126-156-

Boellner, L. - 146-

May 5, 1891

Chief Auditor,
Treasury Department.

Sir:

I transmit herewith, for examination and settlement, the Ordinary & Refinery expense accounts of the Superintendent of the U. S. Assay Office at New York for the month ending April 30, 1891, rendered to me for the purpose of adjustment as required by law.

Very respectfully,
 E. O. Leech
 Director of the Mint.

Similar letter except as here noted, to same address:

+	+	+	+
Ordinary Expense accounts	+	+	Assayers in
Charge	+	+	Assay Offices at Charlotte
& St. Louis	+	+	+

May 5, 1891

Telegram
 Confirmed

Superintendent Mint,
Carson City, Nev.

Reduce purchasing rate of silver to ninety eight cents per ounce fine immediately.

E. O. Leech
 Director.

Similar telegrams to:

Sup't. U. S. Mint,
New Orleans, La.

Sup't. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sup't. U. S. Mint
San Francisco, Cal.

May 5, 1891

Supt. U. S. Mint
Carson City, Nevada.

Sir:

I enclose herewith Treasury Draft No. 6 256 on the Assistant Treasurer of the United States at San Francisco in your favor, for \$28.00, the same being the balance of special assay coins forwarded by you to this Bureau, for the quarter ended March 31, 1891.

Respectfully yours,
 R. O. Leach
 Director of the Mint.

Similar letters except as here noted, to:

Supt. U. S. Mint,
New Orleans, La.

+	+	+	+	+	No. 4, 815	+
+	New Orleans	+	+	+	Twenty-four dollars	[<u>\$74.00</u>]
+		+	+	+		

Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia, Pa.

+	+	+	+	+	No. 23, 872	+
+	+	Philadelphia,	+	+	\$169.30	+
+	+	+	+	+		

Supt. U. S. Mint
San Francisco, California.

+	+	+	+	+	No. 6, 255	+
+	+	San Francisco	+	+	\$1, 061	+
+	+	+	+	+		

May 5, 1891.

Assayer in Charge, U. S. Assay Office,
Charlotte, N.C.

Sir:

I have examined and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement your Ordinary Expense account for the month ending April 30, 1891, with my approval.

Very respectfully,
 E. C. Leech
 Director.

Similar letter to:

Assayer in Charge, U. S. Assay Office,
St. Louis, Mo.

Similar letter except as here noted, to:

Supt. U. S. Assay Office,
New York City.

Ordinary & Refinery Expense accounts	+
	+

May 5, 1891.

Supt. Mint, U. S.
New Orleans, La.

Sir:

Regarding the recent settlement of the operative officers' accounts at your Mint, you will please instruct your bookkeeper to debit "gold bullion account" with the Melter and Refiner's gold surplus 5,646 standard ounces and credit "profit and loss account" with the value of same.
 Also debit "silver purchases Bullion Account, Ach. 1890,"

with the minter and refiners' silver surplus, 1,903.65 standard ounces, at the cost value of one dollar per fine ounce, or ninety cents per standard ounce, the same rate as paid for partings and credit "silver profit fund, Act of 1890", with same amount.

Debit your "Silver profit fund, Act of 1890", with the amount of the coiners' silver wastage 3,026.93 standard ounces, and credit "Silver purchase bullion account Act of 1890", with the value of the same at the average cost rate of bullion on hand belonging to this Act. at time of settlement of accounts.

The sweeps on hand you will please sell immediately and take up in this quarter's work.

The proceeds will be carried to "gold coin" and the loss on gold will be paid from the surplus gold, and if not sufficient the balance from the appropriation for "parting and refining bullion" and the loss on silver from "silver profit fund, Act 1890".

Respectfully yours,

E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

May 5th, 1891.

Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

The following coins, reserved at your mint during the month of May, 1891, and forwarded to the Bureau of the Mint for special assay, have been received, viz:

2 S. S. Dollars' Del. # 104	\$ 2.00
Total	\$ 2.00

Respectfully yours,

E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

May 5, 1891.

Supt. U. S. Mint
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

The following coins, reserved at your Mint during the month of April, 1891, and forwarded to the Bureau of the Mint for special assay, have been received, viz:

2 S. S. Dollars Del. St	\$ 2.00
Total	2.00

Respectfully yours,

E. O. Leech

Director of the Mint.

May 5, 1891.

Hon. Michael D. Harter,
Neil House,
Columbus, Ohio.

Cost of silver purchased by the Government to May first, under Act of 1878, three hundred and eight million, one hundred and ninety-nine thousand, two hundred and sixty-one dollars. Cost of silver purchased under new Act forty-one million, nine hundred and four thousand, one hundred and fifty-six dollars. Total cost of silver purchased since March 1, 1878, three hundred and fifty million, one hundred and three thousand, four hundred and seventeen dollars. Silver dollars owned by Government, twenty-two million, three hundred and forty-five thousand, six hundred and fifty-two dollars, of which six hundred and fifty-nine thousand, two hundred and twenty-two, were coined under old act and certificates can be issued. Silver bullion owned by Government, twenty-two million, five hundred and eighty-nine thousand, two hundred and ninety-five

dollars. In addition, trade dollar bullion,
five million, eleven thousand, one hundred
and thirty seven dollars.

E. O. Leech
Director, Mint.

May 6, 1891

Hon. Charles Foster,
Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that a transfer be
made from the Bullion Fund of the U. S. Assay
Office at St. Louis, Mo. to that of the U. S. Mint
at Philadelphia, Pa., of the sum of Thirteen
Thousand Two Hundred and Thirty nine $\frac{53}{100}$
Dollars ($\$13,239.\frac{53}{100}$) in Gold Coin, and Two
Hundred and Forty six $\frac{02}{100}$ Dollars ($\$246.\frac{02}{100}$) in
Silver Coin making a total of Thirteen Thousand
Four Hundred and Eighty five $\frac{55}{100}$ Dollars
($\$13,485.\frac{55}{100}$) being the net value of Bullion
heretofore forwarded by the Assayer in charge
of the United States Assay Office at St. Louis
Mo., as shown by Memorandum No. 139 dated
May 2, 1891, of Gold Bullion deposited at said Mint.

Respectfully yours,

E. O. Leech, Director.

Two (2) similar letters, except as here noted, to same address:

+	+	+	+	+	+
Thirteen Thousand Two Hundred and Twenty-six	$\frac{64}{100}$	Dollars	($\$13,276.\frac{64}{100}$)		
+ + + Two Hundred and Fifty-six	$\frac{63}{100}$	Dollars	($\$266.\frac{63}{100}$)	+ + +	
Thirteen Thousand Five Hundred and Forty-three	$\frac{27}{100}$	Dollars	($\$13,543.\frac{27}{100}$)		
+	+	+	+	+	
			No. 140		

+	+	+	+	+	+
+ Bullion	+	+	+	Thirty Seven Thousand, One Hundred	
and $\frac{71}{100}$				Dollars	($\$37,000.\frac{71}{100}$) in Gold Coin, and Fifteen Hundred and

87

Sixty-one $\frac{9}{100}$ Dollars ($\$1,561.\frac{9}{100}$) + + + + Thirty-eight
thousand Six hundred and Sixty-two $\frac{62}{100}$ Dollars ($\$38,662.\frac{62}{100}$)
+ + + Helena + No. 25 +

May 6, 1891

Hon. Charles Foster,
Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

I have the honor to request that you will cause
to be deposited in the Treasury of the United States
in the name of O. C. Bosbyshell, Superintendent
Mint U. S. of Philadelphia, the sum of four hundred
and fifty thousand dollars $\$450,000$, on account
of profits on coinage of silver bullion, Act. of
July 14, 1890, and that the bullion fund of
said Mint be increased by a transfer of
that amount.

Respectfully yours
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint

May 6th 1891.

First Auditor,
Treasury Department.

Sir:

I transmit herewith, for examination and
settlement, the Bullion accounts of the Assayer
in charge of the U. S. Assay Office at Char-
lotte N. C. for the quarter ending Dec. 31,
1891, rendered to me for the purpose of ad-
justment as required by law.

Very respectfully
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint

May 6, 1891

Supt. U. S. Mint
Carson City, Nev.

Sir:

I transmit herewith the Assayer's report upon assay coins taken from the first and two subsequent deliveries in each week at your Mint during the month of April, 1891, and forwarded for test as prescribed by the Regulations.

The coins were found to be within the legal limits of tolerance.

Respectfully yours,
 E. O. Leech
 Director of the Mint.

Similar letters to:

Supt. U. S. Mint
San Francisco, Cal.

Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia, Pa.

+	+	+	+
+ May)	+	+	+

May 6, 1891.

Supt. U. S. Mint
Carson City, Nev.

Sir:

The following coins received at your Mint during the month of April, 1891, and forwarded to the Bureau of the Mint for special assay, have been received, viz:

2 Half Eagles Del. 30	\$ 10.00
Total.	<u>\$ 10.00.</u>

Respectfully yours,

E. O. Leech

Director of the Mint.

Similar letter, except as here noted, to:

Supt. U. S. Mint
San Francisco, Cal.

+	+	+	+	+	+
2	S. S. Dollars		Del. 62		\$ 2.00
	Total				<u>\$ 2.00</u>

May 6, 1891.

Assayer in Charge, U. S. Assay Office,
Helena, Mont.

Sir:

Deposit Memorandum No. 25, dated May 2, 1891, of Gold Bullion forwarded by you to the United States Mint at Philadelphia, Shipment No. 25 dated April 25, 1891, has been received and examined at this Bureau, and the gross value found to be \$38,772 $\frac{53}{100}$, charges \$109 $\frac{91}{100}$, and net value \$38,662 $\frac{62}{100}$. For the latter amount a transfer has been requested from the bullion fund of your Institution to that of the United States Mint at Philadelphia.

Respectfully yours,

E. O. Leech

Director of the Mint.

Two (2) Similar letters, except as here noted, to:

Assayer in Charge, U. S. Assay Office,
St. Louis, Mo.

+	+	No. 139	+	+	No. 139
+	+	April 29, 1891,	+	+	\$13,575 $\frac{58}{100}$;
\$30 $\frac{03}{100}$	+	+	+	<u>\$13,485 $\frac{55}{100}$</u>	+

+ No. 140

+ No. 140

over

+	+	April 29	+	+	+	\$13,577. ⁷⁵ / ₁₀₀
+	\$34. ⁴⁸ / ₁₀₀	+	+	+	+	\$13,543. ²⁷ / ₁₀₀
+	+	+	+	+	+	+

May 6, 1891

Assayer in Charge, U. S. Assay Office,
Helena, Mon.

Sir:

Your requisition for funds to meet the expenses of your institution during the month of May, 1891, has been approved for the sum of \$1600.00, payable from the following appropriations made for the support of your office during the current fiscal year, viz:

Salaries	1891,	\$400
Wages of Workmen	1891,	1000
Contingent Expenses	1891,	200

Very respectfully, E. O. Leech
 Director.

Similar letter except as here noted, to:

Sup't U. S. Mint
New Orleans, La.

+	+	+	+	+	+	+
+	\$200. ⁰⁰	+	+	+	+	Mint
+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Salaries	1891,	\$2700				
Wages of Workmen	1891,	3000				
Contingent Expenses	1891,	2500				
+	+	+	+	+	+	+

May 6, 1891

Supr, U. S. Mint
New Orleans, La.

Sir:

I have received the report of Mr. B. J. Butler of this Bureau, upon the settlement of the accounts of the Melter and Refiner and Coiner of your Mint from July 1, 1890 to May 1, 1891.

The exhibit of the Melter and Refiner's operations is satisfactory. The loss of precious metals in the Coiner's department, viz \$3,526.93 standard ounces of silver, or nearly $\frac{1}{8}$ of the legal allowance, is in my judgment excessive, and unusual, and shows that there must be either imperfections in the mechanical processes in the Coining branch or great carelessness in the handling of the precious metals.

You are hereby instructed to take the necessary steps for prescribing safe guards to prevent the loss of the precious metals, as far as possible, in the Coiner's department of your mint. You will see that the metals are weighed to and from each operative room daily, and that any undue loss is satisfactorily accounted for before the day's work is completed.

If the loss arises from imperfections of machinery, I will co-operate with you in securing more perfect machinery for that branch of your mint.

Very respectfully,
 E. C. Seech
 Director.

May 6, 1891

Supt. U. S. Mint,
New Orleans, La.

Sir:

I have today requested the Secretary of the Treasury to cause to be advanced from the Treasury the sum of \$7000. from the appropriation for the coinage of Silver Bullion Act July 14, 1890 to meet, in part, the expense of that coinage at your mint, during the current month.

Respectfully yours,
E. A. Seech
Director.

May 6, 1891

Telegram
Confirmed

Supt. U. S. Mint,
New Orleans, La.

Coin up balance of 1878 bullion immediately, and forward statement showing profits on hand.

E. A. Seech
Director, Mint.

May 6, 1891.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of yesterday, you are instructed to coin the half dollar blanks and ingots in the hands of the coiner into half-dollars, at your leisure, prior to June 30. Hereafter no half-dollars will be coined or ingots prepared for them without specific instructions from this bureau.

During the present month you will re-coin also dimes the abraded silver

coin transferred from the Treasury, of the United States as rapidly, as possible. You will execute no coinage of subsidiary pieces without specific authority from this bureau, whether recoinage or otherwise.

As the law of March 3, 1891, directs that the trade dollar bullion, now in the Treasury, shall be coined into standard silver dollars, you will not use any portion of this bullion in the coinage of subsidiary silver coins after the present stock of subsidiary ingots, prepared from this bullion, has been coined up.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech
Director.

May 6th, 1891.

Sup't. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia.

Sir:

Purchases of Silver Bullion under the provisions of the Act of July 14, 1890, have been made this day by the Secretary of the Treasury, for delivery at your Mint, of the following parties (at the rates and for the amounts respectively named, which you will receive and pay for by draft on the Assistant Treasurer at New York, payable in Treasury notes:

Clark Dodge & Co.	100,000	Ounces at \$	0.9850
Clark Dodge & Co.	100,000	Ounces, at \$	0.98625
Concl. Kansas City Tr. & Co.	28,000	Ounces, at \$	0.9865
Moore & Schley	50,000	Ounces, at \$	0.9850
Moore & Schley	50,000	Ounces, at \$	0.9855
Grand & Gorman	50,000	Ounces, at \$	0.9860
Grand & Gorman	20,000	Ounces, at \$	0.9865
Meagher Colgate & Co.	50,000	Ounces, at \$	0.9865

Respectfully yours,

E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

May 6, 1891.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I have requested the Secretary of the Treasury to cause the sum of four hundred and fifty ~~thousand~~ dollars [\$450,000] to be deposited in the Treasury of the United States in your name, on account of profits on the coinage of silver bullion, Act of July 14, 1890, and that your Bullion Fund be increased by a transfer of the same amount.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

May 6, 1891.

Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia,

Sir:

C. O. No. 7907 for \$75,000.00 being on account of Minor Coinage Profits inclosed in your communication of the 30th ult., has been received, properly indorsed, and forwarded to the Secretary of the Treasury, personal credit to be given you in your Bullion accounts, and the amount to be covered into the Treasury as profits on Minor Coinage.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director.

May 6th 1891.

Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia Pa.

Sir:

The following coins, reserved at your Mint during the month of May, 1891, and forwarded to the Bureau of the Mint for special assay, have been received, viz:

2 S. S. Dollars	Del. #105	\$2.00
Total		<u>\$2.00</u>

Respectfully yours,
 E. O. Leech
 Director of the Mint.

May 6, 1891

Brigadier General D. W. Flagler
Chief of Ordnance, U. S. A.
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

I transmit herewith one gold first prize Department Marksmanship Medal struck in compliance with your request of April 1st. I also inclose herewith the account of the Superintendent of the Philadelphia Mint for the medal, cases, mounting and express charges, amounting to fifty-three dollars and eighty cents [\$53.80], for which sum I will thank you to cause a draft to be transmitted him as early as practicable.

Respectfully yours,
 E. O. Leech
 Director of the Mint.

May 6, 1891

Telegram
ConfirmedHandy & Harman
24 Nassau Street
New York.Your offer of twenty thousand ounces at ninety-eight,
sixty, and twenty thousand ounces at ninety-
eight, sixty-five, accepted. Others declined.E. O. Leech
Director, Mint.

May 6, 1891

Telegram
ConfirmedConsolidated Kansas City Smelting and Refining Co.
20 Nassau Street, New York.Your offer of twenty-eight thousand ounces at
ninety-eight, sixty-five, accepted. Other declined.E. O. Leech
Director, Mint.

May 6, 1891

Telegram
ConfirmedMoore & Schley,
80 Broadway, New York.Your offers of fifty thousand ounces at ninety-
eight, fifty, fifty thousand ounces at ninety-
eight, sixty-five, fifty thousand ounces at
ninety-eight, sixty, accepted. Other declined.E. O. Leech
Director, Mint.

May 6, 1891

Telegram
ConfirmedClark Dodge & Co.
51 Wall Street, New York.

Your offers accepted.

E. O. Leech
Director, Mint.

Telegram
Confirmed

Woolage, Colgate & Co.,
27 Wall Street, New York.

May 6, 1891.

Your offer accepted.

E. O. Leech
Director, Mint.

Telegram
Confirmed

Boston & Colorado Smelting Co.,
Denver, Colorado.

May 6, 1891.

Your offer declined.

E. O. Leech
Director, Mint.

Similar telegrams sent to:

C. H. Stout, Assistant Cashier,
New York.

Werschoffer & Co.,
New York.

American Exchange National Bank,
New York.

J. & W. Seligman & Co.,
New York.

May 7, 1891.

Hon. Charles Foster,
Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that a transfer

be made from the Bullion Fund of the U. S. Mint at Denver Colo. to that of the U. S. Mint at Philadelphia of the sum of Sixty-three Thousand Six Hundred and Twenty-four ⁰²/₁₀₀ Dollars (\$63,624 ⁰²/₁₀₀) in Gold Coin and Six Hundred and Thirty-five ⁰⁰/₁₀₀ Dollars (\$635 ⁰⁰/₁₀₀) in Silver Coin, making a total of Sixty-four Thousand Two Hundred and Fifty-nine ⁰²/₁₀₀ Dollars (\$64,259 ⁰²/₁₀₀) being the net value of Bullion heretofore forwarded by the Assayer in Charge of the United States Mint at Denver as shown by Memorandum No. 21 dated May 4, 1891, of Gold Bullion deposited at said Mint.

Respectfully yours
E. O. Leech
Director.

May 7, 1891.

Hon. Charles Foster,
Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that the Bullion Fund of the United States Assay Office at Helena be increased in the sum of One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000.-) by a transfer of that amount in lawful money, and that the same be placed to the credit of the Assayer in Charge of said institution as follows, viz:

\$50,000.- with Assistant Treasurer U. S. at New York
50,000.- with Merchants National Bank at Helena.

Respectfully yours
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

May 7, 1891.

First Auditor,Treasury Department.

Sir:

I transmit herewith, for examination and settlement, the Ordinary expense account of the Assayer in charge of the U. S. Mint at Denver for the month ending April 30, 1891, rendered to me for the purpose of adjustment as required by law.

Very respectfully,

E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

Similar letter, except as here noted, to same address:

+ Ordinary Refinery + Coinage of Silver Bullion accounts, +
+ Superintendent + Philadelphia, Pa. +
+ note certificate on Abstract of disbursements. +

May 7, 1891.

Assayer, U. S. Assay Office,
Charlotte, N. C.

Sir:

I have examined and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement your Bullion Accounts for the quarter ending March 31, 1891 with my approval except error in Parting Charge of \$3.89 in payment of Gold deposit of January 10, 1891, which I recommend be disallowed.

In your Bullion Accounts for the quarter ending June 30, 1891 you will please debit your coin account and credit your collection account with this amount.

Very respectfully,

E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

May 7, 1891

Assayer in Charge U. S. Mint
Denver, Colo.

Sir:

Your requisition for funds to meet the expenses of your institution during the Month of May, 1891, has been approved for the sum of \$2400.00, payable from the following appropriations made for the support of your Mint during the current fiscal year, viz:

Salaries,	1891,	\$ 900
Wages of Workmen	1891,	1200
Contingent Expenses	1891,	300

Very respectfully,
 E. O. Leech
 Director.

May 7, 1891

Assayer in Charge U. S. Mint
Denver, Colo.

Sir:

Deposit Memorandum No. 21, dated May 4, 1891, of Gold Bullion forwarded by you to the United States Mint at Philadelphia, shipment No. 21, dated April 30, 1891, has been received and examined at this Bureau, and the gross value found to be $\$4,416.\frac{72}{100}$, charges $\$157.\frac{30}{100}$, and net value $\$4,259.\frac{42}{100}$. For the latter amount a transfer has been requested from the bullion fund of your institution to that of the United States Mint at Philadelphia.

Respectfully yours,
 E. O. Leech
 Director of the Mint

May 7, 1891

Assayer in Charge,
U. S. Mint, Denver, Colo.

Sir:

I have examined and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement, your Ordinary Expense account for the month ending April 30, 1891, with my approval.

Very respectfully,
 E. W. Leech
 Director

Similar letter, except as here noted, to:

Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia, Pa.

Ordinary, Refinery & Coinage of Silver Bullion accounts
 + + + + + Except voucher #573,
 bill of Roller & Shoemaker in which item of 59 gal.
 of Gasoline is charged at .22¢ per Gall. instead of
 .20¢ the contract rate. I have recommended
 the difference of .10¢ to be disallowed.
 + + + + +

May 7, 1891

Assayer in Charge, U. S. Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:

Application has been made to the Treasury Department to reduce the valuation of lead contained in silver ores imported at the frontier custom houses, from one cent below the current New York price of refined lead to two cents below such price, for the purposes of classification.

In support of this application it has been

stated that the value allowed and paid for lead in the ore, at Leadville, Salt Lake City and other lead markets is two cents less than the New York price of refined lead.

For the information of the Secretary of the Treasury I will thank you to inform me what the practice is in this regard at Denver and Leadville, so far as you may be acquainted with the same.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leach
Director.

Similar letters, except as here noted, to:

Dennis Sheedy, Esq.,
Manager, Globe Smelting & Refining Co.,
Denver, Colorado,

A. Hanauer, Esq.,
Hanauer Smelting Works
Salt Lake City, Utah,

+ + + + +
+ + + + +
+ + at Salt Lake City, + + +

May 7, 1891

Assayer, U. S. Assay Office,
Helena,

Sir:

I have requested that the Bullion Fund of your institution be increased by a transfer of One Hundred Thousand Dollars, (\$100,000) and that \$50,000. of this amount be placed to your credit with the Assistant Treasurer of the United States at New York, and balance \$50,000 with Merchants National Bank at

Helena, Montana.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

May 7, 1891.

Telegram

Superintendent U. S. Assay Office,
New York.

How much gold was actually shipped yesterday?
How much has been shipped to date this year? How
much bars; how much coin? How much to Berlin;
how much to Paris. how much elsewhere?

What has caused the shipments? Will they probably
continue? To what amount and for what period of time?
Ascertain facts on these points as fully as
possible. Telegraph me at length before two
o'clock to day if possible.

E. O. Leech
Director, Mint.

May 7, 1891.

Supt. U. S. Assay Office,
New York.

Sir:

You are hereby authorized and instructed
to close your institution to the receipt of deposits
and the transaction of business with the
public, at one o'clock on each Saturday during
the months of May, June, July, August and
September, 1891.

You are also authorized to Expense at that
hour those employes whose services can be
spared. This latter authority is one to
be exercised at the discretion of the
Superintendent, to be exercised in the

interests of the Government.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech
Director.

May 7th, 1891

Sup't. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

The following coins, reserved at your Mint during the month of May, 1891, and forwarded to the Bureau of the Mint for special assay, have been received, viz:

2 S. S. Dollars	Del. #106	\$ 2.00
Total		<u>\$ 2.00</u>

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

May 7, 1891.

Telegram

Sup't. U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

I have serious doubts as to the legality of the appointment of Maher in the Mint while he holds the office of State Senator.

Under the terms of the circular issued by Grant, which I sent you, which is still in force, it would seem as if a person cannot hold a state and federal office at the same time. I have no objections to the appointment of Maher provided it can be legally done. Confer with Feltore.

E. O. Leech
Director, Mint.

May 8, 1891

Hon. Charles Foster

Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that a transfer be made from the Bullion Fund of the U. S. Assay Office at Charlotte to that of the U. S. Mint at Philadelphia, of the sum of Eighteen Thousand Two Hundred and Fifty-six $\frac{98}{100}$ Dollars (\$18,256 $\frac{98}{100}$) in Gold Coin and Sixty-nine $\frac{96}{100}$ Dollars (\$69 $\frac{96}{100}$) in Silver Coin, making a total of Eighteen Thousand Three Hundred and Twenty-six $\frac{94}{100}$ Dollars (\$18,326 $\frac{94}{100}$), being the net value of Bullion heretofore forwarded by the Assayer in Charge of the United States Assay Office at Charlotte, as shown by Memorandum no 4 dated May 5, 1891, of Gold Bullion deposited at said Mint.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director.

Similar letter, except as here noted, to same address,

+ + + +
+ + Boise City + +
+ + + + Seventeen Thousand
Eight Hundred and Twenty-one $\frac{94}{100}$ Dollars
(\$17,821 $\frac{94}{100}$) in Gold Coin + + Two
Hundred and Eighty-two $\frac{79}{100}$ Dollars (\$282 $\frac{79}{100}$)
in Silver Coin + + + Eighteen Thousand
One Hundred and Four $\frac{73}{100}$ Dollars (\$18,104 $\frac{73}{100}$)

+ + + +
Boise City + + + No. 21
+ May 6th, 1891 + + +
+ + + +

May 8th, 1891

First Auditor
Treasury Department.

Sir:

I transmit herewith, for examination and settlement, the Bullion accounts of the Assayer in charge of the U. S. Assay Office at St. Louis, Mo. for the quarter ending March 31, 1891, rendered to me for the purpose of adjustment as required by law.

Very respectfully,
 E. O. Leech
 Director of the Mint.

May 8, 1891.

Assayer in Charge U. S. Assay Office,
Boise City, Idaho.

Sir:

Deposit Memorandum No. 21, dated May 6, 1891, of Gold Bullion forwarded by you to the United States Mint at Philadelphia, Shipment No. 21, dated April 30, 1891, has been received and examined at this Bureau, and the gross value found to be \$18,149.²⁴/₁₀₀, Charges \$44.⁵⁷/₁₀₀, and net value \$18,104.⁷³/₁₀₀. For the latter amount a transfer has been requested from the bullion fund of your Institution to that of the United States Mint at Philadelphia.

Respectfully yours,
 E. O. Leech
 Director of the Mint.

Similar letter except as here noted, to:

Assayer in Charge, U. S. Assay Office,
Charlotte

+	+	+	No. 4	+	May 5-
+	+	+	No. 4	+	April 30
+	\$42. ⁵⁹ / ₁₀₀	+	\$18,326. ⁹⁴ / ₁₀₀	+	\$18,369. ⁵³ / ₁₀₀
+		+		+	

May 8, 1891

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Carson, Nev.

Sir:

I have requested the Secretary of the Treasury to, cause to be advanced from the sum of \$3000.00, to meet the expenses of the refinery in connection with your institution during the present month, payable from the appropriation for "Porting and refining bullion."

Very respectfully,
 E. O. Leech
 Director.

May 8th, 1891.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Carson, Nev.

Sir:

Your requisition for funds to meet the expenses of your institution during the month of May, 1891, has been approved for the sum of \$6,000.00, payable from the following appropriations made for the support of your Mint during the current fiscal year, viz:

Salaries	1891,	\$2500.
Wages of Workmen	1891,	2500.
Contingent Expenses	1891,	1000

Very respectfully,
 E. O. Leech
 Director.

May 8th, 1891.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Carson Nev.

Sir:
I have to-day requested the Secretary of the Treasury
to cause to be advanced you the sum of \$5000
from the appropriation for the coinage of
Silver Bullion, Act July 14, 1891, to meet in
part the expense of that coinage at your
Mint, during the current month.

Respectfully yours
E. O. Leech
Director.

May 8, 1891.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Carson.

Sir:
I have to acknowledge the receipt of your Bullion
Accounts, with Abstracts and Vouchers for the
quarter ending Mch. 31, 1891.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech
Director.

Similar letter to:

Supt. U. S. Mint,
San Francisco.

May 8th, 1891.

Supt. U. S. Mint
New Orleans.

Sir:
Purchases of Silver Bullion under the provisions
of the Act of July 14, 1890, have been made this day

by the Secretary of the Treasury, for delivery at your Mint, of the following parties, at the rates and for the amounts respectively named, which you will receive and pay for by draft on the Assistant Treasury at New York, payable in Treasury notes:

Boston + Colorado

Smelting Company) 45,000 Ounces, at \$0.9835

Respectfully yours

E. O. Leach
Director of the Mint.

Similar letter next as follows, to:

Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia.

+ Moore + Schley)	+ 50,000 Ounces, at \$0.9815
Moore + Schley)	100,000 Ounces, at \$0.9820
Moore + Schley)	50,000 Ounces, at \$0.9826
Moore + Schley)	50,000 Ounces, at \$0.9830
Moore + Schley)	50,000 Ounces, at \$0.9840
Handy + Hartman	25,000 Ounces, at \$0.98375
Handy + Hartman	26,000 Ounces, at \$0.9840
Consolidated Kansas City S. & R. Co.	18,000 Ounces, at \$0.9835

Respectfully yours

E. O. Leach
Director of the Mint.

May 8, 1891

Supt. U. S. Mint
New Orleans, La.

Sir:

The following coins reserved at your Mint during the month of May, 1891, and forwarded to the Bureau of the Mint for special assay, have been received, viz:

over

2 S. S. Dollars	Del. #76	\$ 2.00
Total		<u>\$ 2.00</u>

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leach
Director of the Mint.

Similar letter, except as here noted, to:

Sup't. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia.

2 Dimes	Del. #107	\$.20
Total		<u>\$.20</u>

May 8, 1891.

Sup't. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 6th instant, in reference to the inability of the Assistant Treasurer of the United States for Philadelphia to meet your check of twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000) for payment of local purchases in Treasury notes, you are informed that he has been instructed by the Treasurer of the United States to hereafter hold a sufficient amount of Treasury notes to meet your checks drawn in payment of local purchases of silver.

When the present balance of Treasury notes to your credit with the Assistant Treasurer at Philadelphia is exhausted, no further sums will be placed with him to your credit, but the notes will be sent to you direct.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leach
Director of the Mint.

May 8th, 1891.Assayor in Charge,
St. Louis.

Sir:

I have examined and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement, your Bullion accounts for the quarter ending March 31, 1891, with my approval.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech
Director.

May 8, 1891.

Commercial + Financial Chronicle,
102 William Street
New York.

Treasury Department purchased four hundred and fourteen thousand ounces fine silver today, at from ninety-eight, fifteen one hundredths cents to ninety-eight, four tenths cents per ounce fine.
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

Similar telegram to:

Engineering and Mining Journal,
127 Park Place, New York.

May 8, 1891

Consolidated Kansas City Smelting and Refining Co.
New York.

Your offer of eighteen thousand ounces at ninety-eight, thirty-five accepted. Other declined.
E. O. Leech
Director, Mint.

May 8, 1891

Telegram
ConfirmedHandy & Harman
24 Nassau Street
New York.

Your offers of twenty-five thousand ounces
at ninety-eight and three eighths cents and
twenty-six thousand ounces, at ninety-eight
and four tenths cents, accepted. Others declined.

E. O. Leech
Director, Mint.

May 8, 1891

Telegram
ConfirmedBoston & Colorado Smelting and refining Company,
Denver, Colo.

Your offer accepted.

E. O. Leech
Director, Mint.

Similar telegram to:

Moore & Schley,
80 Broadway, New York.

May 8, 1891

Telegram
ConfirmedMeslage, Colgate & Co.,
29 Wall Street, New York.

Your offer declined.

E. O. Leech
Director, Mint.

Similar telegrams to:

J. & W. Seligman & Co.
New York.Nevada Bank
San Francisco, Cal.

W. Loiza & Co.
San Francisco, Cal.

J. & S. Wormser,
New York.

American Exchange National Bank,
New York.

Zimmermann & Forshay,
11, Wall Street, New York.

+ + offers +
+ + + + +

May 8, 1891

B. Westermann & Co.

Please order for the Bureau of the Mint:

1. L'Economiste Russe, Année I. I want the back numbers of this Review as well as the current nos. of the 1st Volume.
2. The last volume published of the Statistisches Jahrbuch für das Deutsche Reich.

Respectfully, E. O. Leach
Director of the Mint.

May 9, 1891

Hon. Charles Foster,
Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

I have the honor to request that you will cause to be deposited in the Treasury of the United States, in the name of A. W. Smyth, Superintendent Mint, U. S., New Orleans,

La., five hundred and twenty-two thousand, eight hundred and ninety-three dollars and forty-four cents, $\$522,893.44$, the same being the balance of profits on the coinage of silver dollars under the Act of February 28, 1878, on hand at that Mint and that the Bullion Fund of said Mint be increased by the transfer of this amount.

Respectfully yours,
E. C. Leech,
Director of the Mint.

May 9, 1891

Hon. Charles Foster,
Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that the Bullion Fund of the United States Assay Office at St. Louis be increased in the sum of Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000.) by a transfer of that amount in lawful money, and that the same be placed to the credit of the Assayer-in-Charge of said institution with the Assistant Treasurer U. S. at St. Louis Mo.

Respectfully yours,
E. C. Leech,
Director of the Mint.

May 9th, 1891.

Assayer in Charge, U. S. Assay Office,
Boise City.

Sir:

I have approved and referred to the proper accounting Officers of the Treasury for examination and settlement an account of the Union Pacific Railway Co., for the transportation in the

Month of September, 1890, from Council Bluffs to
Granger Wyo. of Stationery supplies, amounting to
\$1.50, consigned to your care payable from the
appropriation for Wages and Contingent Expenses
of your office, fiscal year 1891. Duplicate. B.L.
herewith.

Very respectfully, E. O. Leech
Director.

Similar letters, except as follows, to:

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Carson, Nev.

Baltimore and Ohio	+	+	November 1890,	+
Philadelphia to Chicago	+	+	six bbls. of Sawdust	+
	+	+	Contingent Expenses of your Mint	+
	+	+		+

Assayer in Charge, U. S. Assay Office,
Helena, Mont.

Great Northern	+	+	December 1890,	+
St. Paul, Minn. to Helena	+	+	One Power Press	+
	+	+	Contingent Expenses of your Office	+
	+	+	Duplicate bill and B.L. herewith.	+

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Baltimore and Ohio	+	+	December 1890,	+
Philadelphia	+	+	One automatic adjusting machine,	+
	+	+	\$27.04	+
	+	+	Contingent Expenses of your Mint	+

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Carson, Nev.

(over)

Union Pacific + + September 1890 between
 Ogden and Council Bluffs of Ingot Copper, and
 other mint supplies + + \$247.73 + +
 + + + Contingent Expenses of your Mint
 fiscal year 1891, \$11.35, and the remainder of \$238.38
 from the appropriation for the Coinage of Silver
 Bullion Act July 14, 1890.
 Duplicate B/L. herewith. + + +

Supt. U. S. Mint
San Francisco, Cal.

Union Pacific + + September 1890
 + Council Bluffs & Ogden Utah + Ingot
 Copper, and other mint supplies, + + \$133.13
 + + + Contingent expenses
 of your Mint fiscal year 1891, \$23.13 and
 the remainder of \$110.00 from the appropriation
 for the coinage of Silver Bullion Act July 14,
 1890. Duplicate B/L. herewith. + + +

May 9, 1891

Supt. U. S. Mint
New Orleans, Louisiana.

Sir:

I have requested the Secretary of the Treasury to
 cause the sum of five hundred and twenty-two thousand,
 eight hundred and ninety-three dollars and forty-
 four cents [\$522,893.44], to be deposited in
 the Treasury of the United States in your name
 on account of profits on the coinage of standard
 silver dollars under Act of February 28, 1878,
 and that your Bullion Fund be increased
 by a transfer of the same amount.

Respectfully yours,
 E. O. Leech
 Director of the Mint.

May 9, 1891.

Sup't U. S. Mint,
New Orleans, Louisiana.

Sir:

Referring to Form 193 of Silver Bullion
 Act of 1878, for May, which shows a balance
 of .60 of a standard ounce on hand, costing
 fifty-eight cents [\$0.58], you are instructed
 to transfer this amount to your account of
 silver purchased under the act of July 14, 1890,
 thus closing your account of silver pur-
 chased under the Act of February 28, 1878.

Respectfully yours,
 E. O. Leech
 Director of the Mint.

May 9th, 1891.

Sup't U. S. Mint
New Orleans, La.

Sir:

The following coins reserved at your Mint during
 the month of May, 1891, have been received, viz:

2 S. S. Dollars, Del. #77	<u>\$2.00</u>
Total	<u>\$2.00</u>

Respectfully yours
 E. O. Leech
 Director of the Mint.

May 9, 1891.

Assayer in Charge, U. S. Assay Office
Helena, Montana.

Sir:

I transmit herewith the authority of the Secretary of the Treasury for you to advertise in the Helena Journal, inviting proposals for furnishing such supplies as will be required by your office during the fiscal year ending June 30, 1892.

Respectfully yours,

E. O. Leech
 Director of the Mint

May 9, 1891.

Telegram Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia, Pa.

Supply the assistant Treasurer at New York with dimes as rapidly as possible, as the pressure is very great for them. He is in Washington today and I have just seen the Secretary with him. Let there be no cause of complaint so far as our mint work is concerned.

E. O. Leech

Director, Mint.

May 9, 1891.

The Assayer in Charge, U. S. Assay Office,
St. Louis, Mo.

Sir:

Acknowledging the receipt of your communication of the 7th inst. I would say that it is not the intention of the Department to place an incandescent electric light plant in the old custom house building in your city at present, owing to lack of funds,

but they may do so some years hence.

You are authorized and instructed to purchase for the use of your office, a two horse power motor, at a price not to exceed \$190.00 and to pay for the same from the appropriation for contingent expenses of your office for the present fiscal year.

Very respectfully,
E. C. Leech
Director.

May 9, 1891.

Assayer, U. S. Assay Office,
St. Louis, Mo.

Sir:

I have requested that the Bullion Fund of your Institution be increased by a transfer of fifty thousand Dollars, (\$50,000) and that the same be placed to your credit with the Assistant Treasury of the United States at St. Louis.

Very respectfully,
E. C. Leech
Director.

May 9, 1891.

Hon. William M. Stewart,
U. S. Senate,
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 6th instant I would say that the total amount of silver offered the Treasury Department for delivery at the Mint at Carson City since the Act of July 14, 1890, went into effect has been 347,500 ounces, of which 180,500 were accepted, the balance

being declined, as the price was above the market rate.

The last offer made the Department for the sale of silver for Carson was made by the Nevada Bank of San Francisco on January 21st, a lot of 25000 ounces.

The Superintendent of the Mint is authorized to purchase over the Counter lots of less than 10000 ounces at a price fixed from time to time by this Bureau the price being uniform at all the mints the Government pays the same price for bullion delivered at Carson as at other mints and affords sellers every facility. They are paid in Treasury notes over the Counter, or by draft on the Assistant Treasurer at San Francisco or New York, as they may prefer.

The total amount of silver bullion purchased at the Carson Mint from July 1, 1890, to May 1, 1891, including local purchases and partings, was 1,087,637 fine ounces, which is a considerable falling off from the previous fiscal year.

You will readily see how difficult it has been to keep up coinage at the Carson Mint when the producers of silver in that section are not public spirited enough to sell the Government a sufficient quantity for coinage purposes although they are paid the highest New York price and given either cash or exchange on New York or San Francisco, as they prefer.

I am unable to inform you how producers of bullion, and especially those contiguous to the Carson Mint can do better by shipping their silver to San Francisco than by selling it to the Government at the Carson Mint.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

May 11, 1891.

Hon. Charles Foster

Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that the Bullion Fund of the United States Mint at Philadelphia be increased in the sum of Two Million Dollars (\$2,000,000.) by a transfer of that amount in Treasury Notes, and that the same be placed to the credit of the Superintendent of said institution with the Assistant Treasurer U. S. at New York.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

May 11th, 1891.

First Auditor,
Treasury Department.

Sir:

I transmit herewith, for examination and settlement, the Bullion accounts of the Superintendent of the U. S. Mint at San Francisco for the quarter ending Dec. 31, 1890, rendered to me for the purpose of adjustment as required by law.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

Similar letter, except as here noted, to same address:

+	+	+	+
+ Ordinary expense account	+ +	+ Assayer in charge	+ +
+ Assay Office	+ Helena, Mont.	+ + Month	+ April 30
			+ +

May 11, 1891

Assayer in Charge, U. S. Assay Office,
Boise City, Idaho.

Sir:

Your requisition for funds to meet the expenses of your institution during the Month of May, 1891, has been approved for the sum of \$972.60, payable from the following appropriations made for the support of your Office during the current fiscal year, viz:

Salaries,	1891	\$ 272.60
Wages of Workmen,	1891	} <u>700.00</u>
Contingent Expenses,	1891	

Very respectfully, E. O. Leech
 Director.

Similar letter, except as here noted, to:

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

	+		+		+		+
		\$ 36,500.00	+			Mint	+
Salaries,	1891,	\$ 3500,					
Wages of Workmen,	1891,	27000					
Contingent Expenses,	1891,	<u>6000</u>					

Telegram
 Confirmed

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Carson, Nevada.

May 11, 1891.

No contracts will be made or bids considered for copper for the next fiscal year. Notify parties accordingly by letter.
 E. O. Leech, Director, Mint.
 Similar telegram to:

Supt. U. S. Mint
San Francisco, Cal.

May 11, 1891.

Assayer in Charge, U. S. Mint
Denver, Colo.

Sir:

I transmit herewith the authority of the Secretary of the Treasury for you to advertise in the Daily Republican of Denver, inviting proposals for furnishing such supplies as will be required by your Mint, during the fiscal year ending June 30, 1892.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

Assayer in Charge U. S. Assay Office,
Helena, Montana.

May 11, 1891.

Sir:

Referring to my letter of the 7th instant, advising you that I had requested your bullion fund to be increased by a transfer of \$100,000, fifty thousand of which would be placed to your credit in New York, and fifty thousand with the Merchants' National Bank at Helena; I have to inform you that it was through an inadvertence the \$50,000 was placed at New York, and hereafter no funds whatever will be placed to your credit at that point. You will draw against and exhaust this amount in payments of deposits as early as possible. All funds transferred to you hereafter for payment of bullion will be placed to your credit in the Merchants' National Bank.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

May 11, 1891.

Assayer in Charge, U. S. Assay Office,
Helena, Mont.

Sir:

I have examined and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for Examination and Settlement, your Ordinary Expense account for the month ending April 30th 1891, with my approval.

Very respectfully,
 E. W. Leech
 Director.

May 11, 1891

Supt. U. S. Mint
New Orleans, La.

Sir:

Referring to the appointments submitted in your letter of the 8th inst. in the Coiner's department of your Mint I have approved them all today except the appointment of Miss Marie Holly as a Copyist at a compensation of \$2.00 per day).

As no such position exists in the Mint service I am not disposed to create a new Office. If the Coiner desires the services of any lady temporarily as a Copyist, for he can have no permanent use for a Copyist as the Coiner has no considerable amount of writing to do he can detail one of his Adjusters for he can appoint this lady as an adjuster and detail her for that duty, but I will not approve her appointment as a Copyist.

Very respectfully,
 E. W. Leech
 Director.

May 11, 1891.

Telegram

Supt. U. S. Mint
New Orleans, La.

I had written disapproving appointment of copyist before your telegram was received. There is no objection to the Commissioner detailing one of the ladies as a typewriter or copyist without any action upon the part of this bureau.

E. O. Leech

Director, Mint.

May 11, 1891

Telegram

Supt. U. S. Mint
New Orleans, La.

Senator Gibson requested the retention of Pickett. Do you intend to remove the only two persons whose retention he requested. I shall approve this removal unless it is withdrawn by you.

E. O. Leech

Director, Mint.

May 11, 1891.

Telegram

Superintendent U. S. Mint
New Orleans, La.

Before acting upon the appointment of Albrecht as Assistant melter and refiner, cannot some provision be made for Kennedy? In view of the earnest request of Senator Gibson that Kennedy should be retained, it seems to me in poor taste to summarily dismiss him. I have no objection to approving the appointment of Albrecht provided some arrangement can be made for Kennedy.

E. O. Leech,

Director, Mint.

May 11th, 1891.

Supt. U. S. Mint
New Orleans, La.

Sir:

The following coins, reserved at your Mint during the month of May, 1891, and forwarded to the Bureau of the Mint for special assay, have been received, viz:

2 S. S. Dollars	Del. 78	\$ 2.00
Total		<u>\$ 2.00</u>

Respectfully yours,
 E. O. Leech
 Director of the Mint.

Similar letters, except as here noted, to:

Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia, Pa.

2 Dimes	Del. #109	\$.20
Total		<u>\$.20</u>

Supt. U. S. Mint
San Francisco, Cal.

2 S. S. Dollars	Del. #64	\$ 2.00
Total		<u>\$ 2.00</u>

Supt. U. S. Mint
New Orleans

May 11, 1891.

Sir:

Purchases of Silver Bullion under the provisions of the Act of July 14, 1890, have been made this day by the Secretary of the Treasury, for

delivery at your Mint, of the following parties, at the rates and for the amounts respectively named, which you will receive and pay for by draft on the Assistant Treasurer at New York, payable in Treasury notes.

Boston & Colorado

Smelting Company, 50,000 Ounces, at \$0.9825

Respectfully yours

E. O. Leech

Director of the Mint.

Similar letter, except as follows, to:

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia.

Clark Dodge & Co.	50,000 Ounces,	at <u>\$0.9825</u>
Clark Dodge & Co.	50,000 Ounces,	at <u>\$0.9825</u>
Hesslage, Colgate & Co.	50,000 Ounces,	at <u>\$0.9820</u>
American Exch. Nat'l Bank	34,000 Ounces,	at <u>\$0.9815</u>
American Exch. Nat'l Bank	29,000 Ounces,	at <u>\$0.9820</u>
American Exch. Nat'l Bank	26,000 Ounces,	at <u>\$0.9825</u>
Const. Kansas City S. & R. Co.	18,500 Ounces,	at <u>\$0.9825</u>
Handy & Harman	25,000 Ounces,	at <u>\$0.9815</u>
Handy & Harman	23,000 Ounces,	at <u>\$0.9820</u>

May 11, 1891.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Replying to yours of the 9th inst., relative to the catalogue of the mint cabinet, I would say that it is still on my desk, as the appropriation for public printing has not been sufficient to warrant me in requesting the Secretary to have it printed. I think there is little probability

of it being printed by the Treasury Department. I am not willing to have any Government matter printed with advertisements. Please be careful on this point and never allow anything to be distributed or sold in the Mint which contains advertisements.

It might be well for you to address me an official letter, calling attention to the importance and value of this catalogue and asking authority to have the same printed in Philadelphia (after proposals have been requested, payment for the same to be made from your 'contingent' appropriation). I will then submit the matter to the Secretary for his action. Write such a letter as I can refer to the Secretary.

Very respectfully,

E. O. Leech
Director

May 11, 1891.

Telegram

Sup't. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia, Penna.

Forward five pairs silver dollar dies to San Francisco immediately.

E. O. Leech
Director, Mint.

May 11, 1891.

Sup't. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I have requested that the Bullion Fund of your Institution be increased by a transfer of Two Million Dollars, (\$2,000,000.) and that the same be placed to your credit with the Assistant-Treasurer of the United States at New York in Treasury.

notes.

Very respectfully E. O. Leech
Director.

May 11, 1891.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I have requested the Secretary of the Treasury to cause to be advanced you the sum of \$2000.00 to meet the expenses of the refinery in connection with your institutions, during the present month, payable from the appropriation for "Parting and refining bullion."

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech
Director.

May 11, 1891.

Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

The purchases referred to in your letter of the 9th instant are hereby approved at the prices named, if they are the most favorable to be obtained. In the matter of the adjusting lathe, for receding purposes, I would suggest competition with a view to securing the most advantageous terms.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director.

May 11, 1891.

Sup. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Referring to your communication of the 9th inst., relative to closing out your minor coinage re-coinage accounts by running all of the old nickel, bronze and copper cents into minor coin ingots of proper fineness, such ingots to be turned over to the Seoville Mfg. Co. and they to return good blanks, with a proper deduction for loss in melting, the cost to be paid by the mint, I would say I see no objection to this arrangement being consummated if you think it wise, provided that the cost of manufacturing the blanks be paid out of your contingent fund and not out of the minor coin profit fund, as I don't think the law contemplates the use of the minor coinage profit fund for this purpose.

Your attention is directed to a letter from this Bureau of November 29, 1886, in which practically the same thing was authorized, that letter will be your general guide in case this transaction is consummated.

You will first get an offer from the Seoville Mfg. Co. of the cost of performing this work, to be submitted to this Bureau for approval. In view of the fact that the work of your mint will be very largely reduced, and the force also, by the ceasing of the mandatory coinage of the silver dollar it is a question whether this work had not better be done in your mint at some future time, but I leave the matter to your discretion.

Very respectfully,
 E. O. Leech, Director

May 11, 1891.

Supt. U. S. MintPhiladelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I have today requested the Secretary of the Treasury to cause to be advanced you the sum of \$5,000 from the appropriation for the coinage of silver bullion Act July 14, 1890, to meet, in part, the expenses of that coinage at your mint during the current month.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director.

May 11, 1891.

(Dictated)

Supt. U. S. Mint,San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

I have examined and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement your Bullion Accounts for the quarter ending December 31, 1890, with my approval except error in charging charge of \$1.30 in payment of Gold Deposit #1631, Assay #3152 which I recommend be disallowed. Also error of one ounce (10g.) of standard silver in calculation of silver contained in Gold Deposit #1831, Assay #3492.

In your Bullion Accounts for the quarter ending June 30, 1891 you will please debit "Treasury Note Account," and credit "Parting & Refining Account" with \$1.30 to cover above disallowance.

In the matter of error in Gold Deposit #1831 your "Silver Purchase-Bullion Account" will be charged and "Profit and Loss Acct.", credited

with the value of one standard ounce silver (90%)
 Regarding your question relative to the Re-
 -coinage of Silver in yours of 21st ult., you will
 adhere strictly to instructions set forth in my
 letter of the 14th, ultimo.

Very respectfully,
 E. O. Leech
 Director of the Mint.

May 11, 1891

Telegram
 confirmed

Supt. U. S. Mint,
 San Francisco, Cal.

Receive from Selby Smelting and Lead Company
 thirty thousand ounces silver at ninety-eight,
 twenty-four, per ounce fine.

E. O. Leech
 Director, Mint.

May 11, 1891.

Baltimore Copper Smelting and Rolling Company,
 Keyser Building,
 Baltimore, Maryland.

Gentlemen:

Replying to your letter of the 9th instant,
 you are informed that no contracts will be
 made by the Mints for the supply of Copper
 needed during the year ending June 30, 1892,
 and it is unnecessary for you to submit a
 bid for supplying the San Francisco Mint, as
 copper will be purchased in the open market
 from time to time, as required.

Respectfully yours,
 E. O. Leech
 Director of the Mint.

May 11, 1891.

Telegram
ConfirmedAmerican Exchange National Bank,
New York City.

Your offers of thirty-four thousand ounces at ninety-eight, fifteen, twenty-nine thousand ounces at ninety-eight, twenty, and twenty six thousand ounces at ninety-eight, twenty-five, accepted. Other declined.

E. O. Leech

Director, Mint.

May 11, 1891.

Telegram
ConfirmedConsolidated Kansas City Smelting and Refining Co.,
20, Nassau Street, New York.

Your offer of eighteen thousand, five hundred ounces, at ninety-eight, twenty-five one hundredths, accepted. Other declined.

E. O. Leech

Director, Mint.

May 11, 1891.

Telegram
ConfirmedHeidelbach, Schelheimer & Co.
New York.

Your offer declined.

E. O. Leech

Director, Mint.

Similar telegrams to:

Nevada Bank,San Francisco, Cal.J. & S. Worman,
New York.Grimmerrmann & Forshay
11 Wall Street, New York.

Telegram
Confirmed

May 11, 1891

Selby Smelting & Lead Company,
San Francisco, Cal.

Your offer accepted.

E. O. Leech
Director, Mint.

Similar telegrams to:

Boston & Colorado Smelting and Refining Co.
Denver, Colorado.

Nesslage, Colgate & Co.,
29 Wall Street, New York.

Handy & Harman,
24 Nassau Street, New York
+ + offers +

Clark Dodge & Co.
57 Wall Street, New York.
+ offers +

May 12, 1891.

First Auditor

Treasury Department.

Sir:

I transmit herewith for examination and settlement
the Bullion accounts of the Superintendent of the
U. S. Assay Office at New York City for the
Quarter ending Dec. 31, 1890, rendered to me
for the purpose of adjustment as required by law.

Very respectfully,

E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

Similar letters, except as follows, to same addressees:

+ + + + +
 Ordinary Expense account + + Assayer in Charge
 + + Boise City, Idaho + + Month +
 April 30, 1891 + + + + +

+ + + + +
 Ordinary Refining & Coinage of Sil. Bullion + Stand. Sil. Dollar
 accounts + + Superintendent + + Mint +
 New Orleans + + month + April 30, 1891
 + + + + +

May 12, 1891.
Assayer in Charge, U. S. Assay Office,
Boise, Idaho.

Sir:

I have examined and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement, your Ordinary expense account for the month ending April 30, 1891, with my approval.

Very respectfully,
 E. A. Leech
 Director

Similar letters, except as here noted, to:

Supt. U. S. Mint,
New Orleans, La.

+ + + + +
 Ordinary Refining & Coinage of Silver Bullion + Stand. Sil. Dollar accounts
 + + + + +

Supt. U. S. Assay Office,
New York.

+ + + + +
 Bullion + + Quarter + Dec. 31, 1890,
 + + + + +

May 12, 1891.

Telegram
Confirmed

Superintendent U. S. Mint
Carson City, Nevada.

Reduce purchasing rate of silver to ninety-seven
and one-half cents per ounce fine immediately.

E. O. Leech
Director, Mint.

Similar telegrams to:

Supt. U. S. Mint
New Orleans, La.

Supt. U. S. Mint
San Francisco, Cal.

Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia, Penna.

May 12, 1891.

Supt. U. S. Mint
New Orleans, La.

Sir:

I will thank you, upon receipt of this letter,
to deposit the balance pertaining to the appropria-
tion for the "Coinage of the Standard Silver
Dollar" Act February 28th 1878 remaining
in your hands on the 30th ultimo.

The certificate of deposit, accompanied by
a final account current will be promptly
forwarded to this Bureau.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

May 12, 1891.

Sir:

I return herewith detailed statement of Treasury purchases for month of April.

You will discontinue forwarding this statement in future, as it is unnecessary.

Respectfully yours,
 E. O. Leech
 Director of the Mint.

May 12, 1891.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

The following coins reserved at your Mint during the month of May, 1891, and forwarded to the Bureau of the Mint for special assay, have been received, viz:

2 Dimes Del. 110	\$.20
Total	<u>\$.20</u>

Respectfully yours
 E. O. Leech
 Director of the Mint.

Similar letter, except as here noted, to:

Supt. U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

2 S. S. Dollars	Del. #65	\$ 2.00
Total		<u>\$ 2.00</u>

Respectfully yours,
 E. O. Leech
 Director of the Mint.

May 12, 1891

Hon. Michael D. Harter
Canton, Ohio.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your communication of the 11th inst. I would state the total number of Silver certificates issued up to May first was \$36,242,857, of which \$3,309,417 were in the Treasury, leaving as the amount outstanding \$32,933,440, against which the Treasury held an equal amount of silver dollars.

The amount of new legal tender notes, commonly called Treasury notes, issued under the act of July 14, 1890, to the first of this month, was \$4,731,200, of which \$4,710,946 were in the Treasury, leaving as the amount outstanding on the first instant \$37,020,254, against which the Government held silver bullion and silver dollars of equal value.

Trusting this information will prove satisfactory I am,

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leach
Director.

May 12, 1891

Cabell Whitehead Esq.
Bureau of the Mint,
U. S. Treasury Department.

Sir:

You are instructed to proceed to New York and purchase such supplies as may be needed for your laboratory, and also to confer with the Melted & Refiner of the U. S. Assay Office in that city in regard to certain metallurgical processes.

Your necessary expenses will be paid.

+ + + August 1890 +
 + Washington to St. Paul + + + \$4.96

+ Assayer in Charge, U. S. Mint
 + Denver, Colo. -

+ Hannibal and St. Joseph + + +
 + + St. Louis to Schiow Kas. + + +
 + + + \$2.33

+ + your mint + + +

Supt. U. S. Mint
 San Francisco, Cal.

+ + + + October
 + Union Pacific + + + \$11.94
 + Council Bluffs to Ogden + + +
 + + + your mint
 + Duplicate B/L herewith.

May 13th 1891.

Telegram
 Confirmed

Supt. U. S. Mint
 Carson City, Nevada.

Reduce purchasing rate of silver to ninety-
 seven cents per ounce five immediately.

E. O. Leach
 Director, Mint.

Similar telegrams to:

Supt. U. S. Mint
 New Orleans, La.

Supt. U. S. Mint
 Philadelphia, Pa.

Supt. U. S. Mint
 San Francisco, Cal.

May 13, 1891.

Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia.

Sir:

Purchases of Silver Bullion under the provisions of the Act of July 14, 1890, have been made this day by the Secretary of the Treasury, for delivery at your Mint, of the following parties, at the rates and for the amounts respectively named, which you will receive and pay for by draft on the Assistant Treasurer at New York, payable in Treasury notes:

Clark Dodge & Co. 50000 Ounces, at \$ 0.98
 Consl. Kansas City, S. & K. Co. 28,000 Ounces, at \$ 0.9795
 Consl. Kansas City, S. & K. Co. 11,000 Ounces, at \$ 0.98
 American Exch. Natl Bank 32,000 Ounces, at \$ 0.9795
 Fourth National Bank 23000 Ounces, at \$ 0.98

Respectfully yours,
 E. O. Leech
 Director of the Mint.

May 13, 1891.

Telegram
 Confirmed

Clark Dodge & Co.
51 Wall Street, New York.

Your offer of fifty thousand Ounces at ninety-eight Cents, accepted. Other declined.

E. O. Leech
 Director Mint.

May 13, 1891.

Telegram
 Confirmed

Handy & Harman,
24 Nassau Street, New York.

Your offers declined.

E. O. Leech, Director Mint.

May 13, 1891.

Telegram
ConfirmedNevada Bank
San Francisco, Cal.Your offer declined.
E. O. Leech
Director, Mint.

Similar telegram to:

Zimmermann & Forehay
11, Wall Street, New York.

May 13, 1891.

Telegram
ConfirmedAmerican Exchange National Bank
New York.Your offer accepted.
E. O. Leech
Director, Mint.

Similar telegrams to:

Fourth National Bank:
New York.Consolidated Kansas City Smelting and Refining Co.
20, Nassau Street, New York.

+ offers +

May 14, 1891.

First AuditorTreasury Department

Sir:

I transmit herewith, for examination and settlement, the Ordinary Refinery & Coinage of Silver Bullion accounts of the Superintendent of the U. S. Mint at Carson, Nev. for the month ending April 30, 1891, rendered to me for the purpose of adjustment as required by law.

Very respectfully,

E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

May 14, 1891.

Sup't, U. S. MintCarson, Nev.

Sir:

I have examined and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement, your Ordinary Refinery & Coinage of Silver Bullion accounts for the month ending April 30, 1891, with my approval.

Very respectfully,

E. O. Leech
Director.May 14th, 1891Sup't, U. S. MintSan Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your Ordinary Refinery and Coinage of silver Bullion Expense Acct. accounts, with Abstracts and Vouchers, for the month ending April 30, 1891.

Very respectfully,

E. O. Leech, Director.

May 13th 1891.

Sup't. U. S. Mint,
Carson City, Nev.

Sir:

The following coins, received at your Mint during the month of May, 1891, and forwarded to the Bureau of the Mint for special assay, have been received, viz:

2 S. S. Dollars	Del. #104	\$2.00
Total		\$2.00

Respectfully yours,
 E. O. Leech
 Director of the Mint.

Similar letters except as follows, to:

Sup't. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia, Pa.

2 S. S. Dollars	Del. 11	\$2.00
Total		\$2.00

Sup't. U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

2 S. S. Dollars	Del. 66	\$2.00
Total		\$2.00

Sup't. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia, Pa.

May 14, 1891.

Sir:

I transmit herewith a letter of the Superintendent of the Life-Saving Service, inclosing draft of George A. Bartlett, Disbursing Clerk, on the Assistant Treasurer of the

United States at New York, in your favor for
 forty-five dollars and seventy-five cents [\$45.75]
 the same being in payment of your account for
 four Silver Life Saving medals, forwarded to
 this Bureau on the 2nd instant.
 I also inclose herewith Medal Fund Vouchers signed
 in duplicate.

Respectfully yours,
 E. O. Leech
 Director of the Mint.

May 15, 1891.

First Auditor,
Treasury Department.

Sir:

I transmit herewith, for examination and settle-
 ment the Ordinary Refinery and Coinage of
 Silver Bullion accounts of the Superintendent
 of the U. S. Mint at San Francisco, Cal.
 for the month ending April 30, 1891 rendered to
 me for the purpose of adjustment as required
 by law.

Very respectfully
 E. O. Leech
 Director of the Mint.

May 15, 1891

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Carson City, Nevada.

Advance purchasing rate of Silver to ninety-seven
 and three quarters cents per ounce fine.

E. O. Leech, Director of the Mint.

Similar telegrams to:

Supt. U. S. Mint,
New Orleans, La.

over

Similar to telegram on preceding page, to:

Supt. U. S. Mint
San Francisco, Cal.

May 15, 1891.

Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Sir:

Advance purchasing rate of silver to ninety-seven and three-quarters cents per ounce fine, on receipt hereof.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

May 15, 1891.

Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Referring to the catalogue of coins and medals which you desire to have printed I forward herewith the catalogue together with the authority of the Secretary of the Treasury to have the same printed, the expense to be paid from your contingent appropriation.

Before incurring any expense for this printing you will solicit bids for doing the work in as inexpensive a manner as possible, and forward the bids to this bureau with your recommendation. Upon the approval of this bureau the work will be authorized.

Very respectfully,

E. O. Leech
Director.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia.

May 15, 1891.

Sir:

Purchases of Silver Bullion under the provisions of the Act of July 14, 1890, have been made this day by the Secretary of the Treasury, for delivery at your Mint, of the following parties, at the rates and for the amounts respectively named, which you will receive and pay for by draft on the Assistant Treasurer at New York, payable in Treasury notes:

Handy & Harman 25000 Ounces, at \$0.98125
Fourth National Bank 16000 Ounces, at \$0.98
Fourth National Bank 13800 Ounces, at \$0.9810

Respectfully yours,

E. O. Leach
Director of the Mint

May 15, 1891.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Sir:

For ten dollars [\$10.00], inclosed herewith, please forward per registered mail to Mr. George S. Allen 57 West 37th Street, New York City, one half Eagle, and two quarter Eagles, coinage of 18910.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leach
Director of the Mint.

May 15, 1891

Supt. U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

I have examined and referred to the proper accounting officers of Department for examination and settlement your Ordinary Refinery & Coinage of Silver Bullion accounts for the month ending April 30, 1891, with my approval.

Very respectfully,
 E. O. Leech
 Director.

May 15, 1891.

Telegram Hon. Michael D. Carter,
Mansfield, Ohio.

Amount of money in actual circulation in the United States exclusive of all in the Treasury, was in eighteen seventy three about eighteen dollars fifty cents and at present time about twenty four dollars per capita. Cannot give circulation for the other dates. It is difficult to state the circulation of the Argentine republic but the per capita is very large somewhere between fifty and one hundred dollars.

E. O. Leech
 Director, Mint.

May 15, 1891

Telegram Handy & Harman,
 Confirmed. 24 Nassau Street - New York.

Your offer of twenty-five thousand ounces at ninety-eight one eighth cent, accepted. Others declined.
 E. O. Leech, Director, Mint.

Telegram
Confirmed.

Zimmerman & Forshay,
11 Wall Street, New York

May 15, 1891.

Your offer declined.

E. O. Leech
Director, Mint.

Similar telegram to:

Clark Dodge & Co.,
51, Wall Street, New York.

+ offers +

+

+

Telegram
Confirmed

Fourth National Bank,
New York.

May 15, 1891.

Your offers accepted.

E. O. Leech
Director, Mint.

Hon. Charles Foster,
Secretary of the Treasury.

May 16, 1891

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that the Bullion Fund of the United States assay Office at Boise City be increased in the sum of Forty Thousand Dollars (\$40,000.-) by a transfer of that amount in lawful money, and that the same be placed to the credit of the Assayer in charge of said institution as follows, viz:

\$2500. with Assistant Treasurer U.S. at New York
\$15,000 with Boise City National Bank, Boise City.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

May 16, 1891.

Assayer in Charge, U. S. Assay Office,
Boise City, Idaho.

Sir:

I transmit herewith the authority of the Secretary of the Treasury for you to advertise in the Daily Statesman of Boise City, inviting proposals for such supplies as will be required by your office during the fiscal year ending June 30, 1892.

Please forward a copy of the advertisement in the inclosed envelope to the Government Advertiser.

Respectfully yours,
 E. O. Leech
 Director of the Mint.

May 16, 1891.

Assayer, U. S. Assay Office,
Boise City, Idaho.

Sir:

I have requested that the Bullion Fund of your Institution be increased by a transfer of Forty Thousand Dollars (\$40,000) and that \$25,000 of this amount be placed to your credit with the Assistant Treasurer of the United States at New York, and \$15,000. with Boise City National Bank, Boise.

Very respectfully,
 E. O. Leech
 Director.

May 16, 1891.

Sup't U. S. Mint,
Carson, Nev.

Sir:

I have approved and referred to the proper accounting Officers of the Treasury for examination and settlement an account of the Chicago and North Western Railway, Co. for the transportation in the Month of August 1890, from Baltimore to Council Bluffs of Mint Supplies (Ingot Copper) amounting to \$146.00 consigned to your care payable from the appropriation for Contingent expenses of your Mint fiscal year 1891. Duplicate B/L herewith.

Very respectfully,
E. C. Leach
Director.

Similar letter except as here noted, to:

Sup't U. S. Mint
San Francisco, Cal.

+	+	+	+	
+	+	+	+	<u>\$74.93</u>
+	+	+	+	+

May 16, 1891

Sup't U. S. Assay Office,
New York, N. Y.

Sir:

Please forward your Bullion Accounts for the Quarter ending March 31, 1891, as soon as possible.

Very respectfully,
E. C. Leach
Director of the Mint.

May 16, 1891.

Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your
 Bullion Accounts, with Abstracts and Vouchers,
 for the Quarter ending March 31, 1891.

Very respectfully,

E. O. Leech
 Director.

May 18, 1891.

First Auditor
Treasury Department.

Sir:

I transmit herewith, for examination and settle-
 -ment the Bullion accounts of the Superintendent
 of the U. S. Mint at Philadelphia Pa. for the
 Quarter ending Dec. 31st, 1890, rendered to me
 for the purpose of adjustment as required by
 law.

Very respectfully,

E. O. Leech
 Director of the Mint.

May 18, 1891

Supt. U. S. Mint
Carson City, Nev.

Sir:

The following coins, reserved at your Mint
 during the month of May, 1891, and forwarded to
 the Bureau of the Mint for special assay, have
 been received, viz:

2 Half Eagles Del. 31
 Total

\$ 10. 00

\$ 10. 00

Respectfully yours,
 E. O. Leech
 Director of the Mint.

Similar letters, except as here noted, to:

Sup't. U. S. Mint,
New Orleans, La.

6 S. S. Dollars	Del. 82, 83 + 84	\$ 6.00
Total		<u>\$ 6.00</u>

Sup't. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

2 Dimes	Del. 112	\$.20
4 S. S. Dollars	" 113 + 115	4.00
Total		<u>\$ 4.20</u>

Sup't. U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

2 S. S. Dollars	Del. 70	\$ 2.00
Total		<u>\$ 2.00</u>

May 18, 1891.

Sup't. U. S. Mint,
New Orleans, La.

Sir:

C. O. No. 215 for \$1072.93, being an account of balance of appropriation for the "Coinage of the Standard Silver Dollar, Act February 28th 1878," inclosed in your communication of the 15th instant, has been received, properly indorsed, and forwarded to the Secretary of the Treasury, personal

credit to be given you in your Standard Silver Dollar accounts and the amount to be covered into the Treasury as a repayment to the credit of the above appropriation!

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director.

May 18, 1891.

Sup't. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

The matter of introducing gas annealing furnaces has received serious consideration at my hands. As you are aware I consider it good public policy and economy to introduce into our mints the very best class of machinery and plants for conducting the important business required of them.

I have hesitated to authorize this expenditure for several reasons:

1. Because the cost of the plant is very considerable, and so much money has been expended at your mint during the current fiscal year (all well expended I think in necessary and valuable improvements) that I hesitate to increase the expenses during the current fiscal year by this large sum lest it may subject both you and myself to criticism.
2. Because of the additional expense - a permanent expense, which I fear it may entail, in the cost of gas. If I had any assurance that the cost of running these furnaces would not be considerably more than the cost of running the

present wood furnaces, I would feel more inclined to approve your recommendation.

3. - Because it has not been practically demonstrated that gas annealing furnaces can successfully do the work.

I would thank you to consider these points and to look over the expenditures of your mint for the current fiscal year and let me know from what appropriation you contemplate paying for this plant, how long it would take from the present date to introduce them and any other facts which you may think important for me to know.

As I have said, I favor the introduction of improved processes, only I want to exercise moderation, as far as practical in not attempting to do too much in one year, and we would both be deeply chagrined if we should incur this expense and the plant did not work successfully.

Very respectfully,
E. C. Leech
Director.

May 18, 1891.

Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia.

Sir:

I have examined and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement, your Ballion accounts for the Quarter ending Dec. 31st, 1890, with my approval.

Very respectfully,
E. C. Leech

May 18th, 1891.

Sup't. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia.

Sir:

Purchases of Silver Bullion under the provisions of the Act of July 14, 1890, have been made this day by the Secretary of the Treasury, for delivery at your mint, of the following parties, at the rates and for the amounts respectively named, which you will receive and pay for by draft on the Assistant Treasurer at New York, payable in Treasury notes:

Fourth National Bank	16,000 Ounces, at \$0.98125
Fourth National Bank	13,000 Ounces, at \$0.9820
American Exch. National Bank	27,000 Ounces, at \$0.9805
American Exch. National Bank	31,000 Ounces, at \$0.9815
Handy & Harman	25,000 Ounces, at \$0.98125
Handy & Harman	28,000 Ounces, at \$0.9815
Handy & Harman	250,000 Ounces, at \$0.9820

Respectfully yours

E. O. Leech

Director of the Mint.

May 18, 1891.

Sup't. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia, Penna.

Sir:

Referring to your letter of March 21st last, in which it is stated that the Army Marksmanship Medals ordered by this bureau for the War Department were to be completed by the first instant, I have to inform you that upon the receipt of your letter the Ordnance Office was advised that the medals would be furnished by that date. Inquiry is now made by the Chief of Ordnance as to

when they can be expected, and he states that it is desirable that these medals should be furnished as early as practicable. I will thank you to inform me when you will be able to forward them.

Respectfully yours
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint
May 18, 1891.

Telegram
Confirmed

Supt. U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Receive from Nevada Bank twenty-five thousand ounces
silver at ninety-eight, fifteen one hundredths cents per ounce fine.
E. O. Leech
Director, Mint.

Telegram
Confirmed

Moore & Schley,
80, Broadway, New York.

Your offers declined.
E. O. Leech
Director, Mint.

Similar telegrams to:

Messlage, Calgate & Co.,
29, Wall Street, New York.

Clark, Dodge & Co.
51, Wall Street, New York.

Zimmermann & Forshay,
11, Wall Street, New York.

+ offer +

L. & S. Worcester
+ offer + New York,

May 18, 1891

Telegram
ConfirmedAmerican Exchange National Bank,
New York.Your offers accepted.
E. O. Leech
Director, Mint.

Similar telegrams to:

Fourth National Bank,
New York.Handy & Harman,
24 Nassau Street, New York.Nevada Bank,
San Francisco, Cal.

+ offer +

May 19, 1891.

Supt. U. S. Mint
Carson, Nev.

Sir:

I have approved and referred to the proper accounting Officers of the Treasury for examination and settlement, two accounts of the Central Pacific Railway Co. for the transportation in the Months of July, Aug. & Sept. 1890 between Ogden & San Francisco & Reno Nev. of Mint Supplies, amounting to \$1064.61, consigned to your care, payable from the appropriation for Contingent Expenses of your Mint 1891, \$6709, from "Parting & Refining bullion" \$834.07 & from "Coinage of Silver Bullion" \$63.45.

Duplicate bills of lading herewith.

Very respectfully,

E. O. Leech
Director.

Similar letter except as here noted, to:

Supt. U. S. Mint
San Francisco, Cal.

Month of September, 1890, + Ogden
Utah + San Francisco + (Sgt
Copper) + \$96.06 +
+ the "Coinage of Silver Bullion", Act
July 14, 1890. Duplicate B/L herewith.

Assayer in Charge, U. S. Mint
Denver, Colorado.

May 19, 1891.

Sir:

Acknowledging the receipt of your communication of the 15th inst. relative to the value of lead in ores, I would say that I do not understand the point you make in regard to a new classification of ores.

You say "all ore carrying five per cent. or more of lead, to be classed as lead ore, and to pay 1 1/2 cents per pound of lead contained." This is a contradiction. Lead ores pay duty, under the law, of 1 1/2 cents a pound on the ore, that is, \$ 30.00 a ton. The

Department has no discretion in this matter. The law fixes the rate, so that if the Department should class all ore containing five per cent. or more of lead as lead ores, all such ore would have to pay a

duty of \$30.00 a ton, which is the very thing you say you don't think should be done.

The second classification is that silver ores and all other ores except lead ores shall pay duty of $\frac{1}{2}$ cents a pound on the metallie lead contained.

The ruling of The Department is, that the question as to whether an ore is a lead ore and comes under the first classification, that is, pays a duty of \$30.00 a ton, or is a silver ore and comes under the second classification, and pays a duty of $\frac{1}{2}$ cents a pound on the metallie lead contained, is decided by the fact as to whether the silver contained is of more value commercially than the lead contained. If the silver is of more value it comes under the second classification, if the lead is more valuable, under the first classification.

Now, for the purpose of classifying these ores solely, The Department wants to know at what value the Lead in the ore should be taken, at the frontier ports, that is, whether a cent less than the New York price of refined lead would be a fair valuation or two cents less than the New York price, solely for the purpose of classification, you will understand between these two classes of ores. That is the point upon which the Department desires information.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech
Director.

Sup't. U. S. Mint

May 18, 1891

Sir:

New Orleans, Louisiana.

I will thank you to inform me if there are any outstanding checks against the balance of funds placed to your credit with the Assistant Treasurer at New York to pay for silver bullion purchased under the Act of February 28, 1878, as it is desirable that this amount should be transferred from your bullion fund to the Treasury.

Respectfully yours,
E. A. Leech
Director of the Mint

Sup't. U. S. Mint

May 19, 1891.

Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

The following coins reserved at your Mint during the month of May, 1891, and forwarded to the Bureau of the Mint for special assay, have been received, viz:

2 U. S. Dollars Del. 46 \$2.00

Total \$2.00

Respectfully yours,
E. A. Leech
Director of the Mint

Similar letter, except as here noted, to:

Sup't. U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

2 U. S. Dollars Del. 71 \$2.00

May 19, 1891

Consolidated Kansas City Smelting & Refining Co.,
20 Nassau Street, New York

Gentlemen:

Referring to your communication of the 18th inst. relative to the purchase of 11,000 ounces of silver from you on the 13th inst. at \$0.98 per ounce, which you claim was offered at \$0.98, 10 per ounce, I would say that the offer was scheduled in the book at \$0.98 and was accepted by the Department at that price. It would not have been accepted at \$0.98, 10 for the reason that offers were declined the same day at \$0.98, 05- and at \$0.98, 10.

Upon reference to your dispatch, however, I find that the offer was submitted at \$0.98, 10. In view of this fact if you insist upon your offer being considered as having been made at \$0.98, 10 it will be necessary for me to instruct the clerk who scheduled this purchase to refund to you the difference - \$11.12 but I would suggest, as it is a small matter, that you consider your offer of the 13th instant as having been made at \$0.98.

You will understand that it will be impossible for me to alter the record, and show \$0.98, 10 as having been paid to you when offers at a lower rate were declined the same day.

Very respectfully,
E. W. Leech
Director.

May 19, 1891.

H. J. Delcorral, Esq.
125 Philadelphia St.

Saratoga Springs, New York.
 Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt by express, today of a box containing five designs for the Silver series of the United States.

In case these designs should not be accepted they will be returned to you at the expense of the Department.

Very respectfully,

E. O. Leech
 Director of the Mint

May 19, 1891.

Telegram
 Confirmed.

Moore & Schley,
80 Broadway, New York.

Your offers were declined, clerical error in letter.

E. O. Leech

Director, Mint.

May 20, 1891.

Assayer in Charge, U. S. Assay Office,
Boise City, Idaho.

Sir:

Please forward your requisition for all stationery, blank books and forms that will be required by your institution during the six months ending December 31, 1891, in time to reach this Bureau by the 15th proximo.

You will make allowance in your stationery requisition for sufficient ink and mucilage to last at least one year.

The requisition for blank books and forms should be in the form of a letter, and

the quantity of each book or form required should be stated in the requisition and on the sample furnished which should also be numbered to correspond with a similar number in the requisition.

The sample furnished for blank books should show the number of leaves, style of binding and lettering.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

Similar letters to:

Sup't. U. S. Mint
Carson City, Nevada.

Assayer in Charge, U. S. Assay Office,
Charlotte, N. C.

Assayer in Charge U. S. Mint,
Denver, Colo.

Assayer in Charge, U. S. Assay Office,
Helena, Montana.

Sup't. U. S. Mint
New Orleans, La.

Sup't. U. S. Assay Office,
New York City.

Sup't. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sup't. U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, California.

Assayer in Charge, U. S. Assay Office,
St. Louis, Mo.

May 29, 1891.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
New Orleans, La.

Sir:

I transmit herewith the Assayer's report upon assay coins taken from the first and two subsequent deliveries in each week at your Mint during the Month of May, 1891, and forwarded for test as prescribed by the Regulations.

The coins were found to be within the legal limits of tolerance.

Respectfully, yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

Similar letters to:

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

May 20, 1891

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Referring to your requisition of the 19th inst. for authority to have two receipt books printed in your city, I would say that in view of the facts which you state I feel compelled to grant you the authority requested.

In this connection I would say that it is

the duty of your clerks to give you timely information of the condition of their books and blanks so that the necessary requisition can be made upon the Government printer. This is done by all other public institutions in the United States, and none of them are allowed to have printing done at their own expense, as it is considered contrary to law. There is no good reason why the business of your institution should not be made to conform in this respect to all others. These special requisitions for printing in your city are evidences of carelessness upon the part of the clerks in charge of the particular classes of books and blanks required. They know the regulations of the Department, and it is their duty to conform to them.

I mention this at some length for the reason that the chief of the Stationery division of the Department, complains of the number of special requisitions, that is requisitions made special, on account of your mint and it would be much more agreeable and satisfactory to have your requisitions for books and blanks made in the usual form as required by Department regulations.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech
Director.

Sup't. U. S. Mint.
Philadelphia.

Sir:

Purchases of Silver Bullion under the provisions of the Act of July 14, 1890, have been made.

May 20th, 1891

this day by the Secretary of the Treasury, for delivery, at your Mint, of the following parties at the rates and for the amounts respectively named which you will receive and pay for by draft on the Assistant Treasurer at New York, payable in Treasury notes:

Fourth National Bank	26,000	Ounces, at \$0.9765
Fourth National Bank	16,000	Ounces, at \$0.9775
Clark Dodge & Co.	100,000	Ounces, at \$0.9775
Hendy & Harman	20,000	Ounces, at \$0.9760
Hendy & Harman	220,000	Ounces, at \$0.9770

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

May 20, 1891.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

The following coins, reserved at your Mint during the month of May 1891, and forwarded to the Bureau of the Mint for special assay, have been received, viz:

2 S. S. Dollars	Del. 117	\$2.00
Total		\$2.00

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

Similar letter, except as here noted, to:

Supt. U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

2 S. S. Dollars	Del. 72	\$2.00
Total		\$2.00

May 20, 1891.

Brigadier General D. W. Flagler,
Chief of Ordnance,
War Department, Washington, D.C.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 15th instant, you are informed that the Superintendent of the U. S. Mint at Philadelphia will forward the Army Marksmanship Medals some time during the present week.

Respectfully yours,
 E. O. Leech
 Director of the Mint.

May 20, 1891.

Hon. W. W. Thomas, Jr.
Envoy Extraordinary & Minister Plenipotentiary,
Stockholm, Sweden.

Sir:

Your communications of the 6th and 7th ult. forwarding the monetary statistics of Norway and Sweden for the calendar year 1890, I have been received, and I beg to thank you for the same.

Very respectfully,
 E. O. Leech
 Director of the Mint.

May 20, 1891

Telegram
 Confirmed

Clark Dodge & Co.,
51, Wall Street
New York.

Your offer of one hundred thousand ounces at ninety-seven and three quarter cents, accepted. Other declined.

E. O. Leech - Director, Mint.

Telegram
ConfirmedAmerican Exchange, National Bank,
New York.

May 20, 1891.

Your offer declined.

E. O. Leech
Director, Mint.

Similar telegrams sent to:

Nevada Bank,
San Francisco, Cal.Selby Smelting and Lead Co.
San Francisco, Cal.Boston + Colorado Smelting Co.,
Denver, Colo.Zimmermann + Forehay,
11, Wall Street, New York.L. + S. Wormser,
New York.

May 20, 1891.

Telegram
ConfirmedHandy + Harman,
24, Nassau Street, New York.

Your offers accepted.

E. O. Leech
Director, Mint.

Similar telegram to:

Fourth National Bank,
New York.

May 20, 1891

Sup't. U. S. Mint -
Philadelphia, Pa

Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 19th instant, you are informed that an error was made in entering the rate at which the Consolidated Kansas City Smelting and Refining Company offered eleven thousand ounces of silver for the 13th instant, but that they have agreed to abide by the rate, viz., ninety-eight cents, at which it was scheduled, and which you were advised to pay.

Respectfully yours,
 E. O. Leech
 Director of the Mint.

May 21, 1891

E. H. Hecker, Esq.,
Treasurer of the United States.

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that in future when uncurrent coins are transferred to the mints for re-coinage that you will officially notify this Bureau of such transfer, in order that such instructions may be given the Superintendents of the coinage mints, as will enable me to complete the coinage allotments for the month in such manner as to best meet the requirements of the Treasury, and at the same time execute the mandatory coinage required by law.

Very respectfully,
 E. O. Leech
 Director of the Mint.

May 21, 1891.

Hon. Charles Foster,Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that a transfer be made from the Bullion Fund of the U. S. Assay Office at Boise City, to that of the U. S. Mint at Philadelphia, of the sum of Twenty thousand Seven hundred and Eighty seven $\frac{38}{100}$ Dollars ($\$20,787.\frac{38}{100}$) in Gold Coin, and Two hundred and Forty-six $\frac{42}{100}$ Dollars ($\$246.\frac{42}{100}$) in Silver Coin, making a total of Twenty-one thousand Thirty-three $\frac{80}{100}$ Dollars ($\$21,033.\frac{80}{100}$) being the net value of Bullion heretofore forwarded by the Assayer in charge of the United States Assay Office at Boise City, as shown by Memorandum No. 22 Dated May 18, 1891, of Gold Bullion deposited at said Mint.

Respectfully yours
E. O. Leech
Director.

Similar letter except as here noted, to same address:

+	+	+	+	+
+	Helena	+	+	+
	Thirty four thousand, Eight hundred and			
	Forty four $\frac{700}{100}$ Dollars ($\$34,844.\frac{700}{100}$)	+	+	+
+	Eight hundred and Eighty Three $\frac{57}{100}$	+	+	($\$883.\frac{57}{100}$)
+	+	+	+	
	Thirty-five thousand, Seven hundred			
	and Twenty-eight $\frac{22}{100}$ Dollars ($\$35,728.\frac{22}{100}$)			
+	+	+	+	+
			Helena	
+	+	+	No. 26	+
			May 16,	
+	+	+		+

Similar telegrams sent to:

Supt. U. S. Mint
New Orleans, La.

Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia, Penna.

Supt. U. S. Mint
San Francisco, Cal.

May 21, 1891.

Supt. U. S. Mint
New Orleans, La.

Sir:

The following coins reserved at your Mint during the month of May, 1891, and forwarded to the Bureau of the Mint for Special Assay have been received, viz:

2 S. S. Dollars,	Del. 87	\$ 2.00
Total		<u>\$ 2.00</u>

Respectfully yours

E. O. Leitch

Director of the Mint.

Similar letter, except as noted, to:

Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia, Pa.

2 S. S. Dollars,	Del. 118	\$ 2.00
Total		<u>\$ 2.00</u>

May 21, 1871.

Daniel C. French Esq.,
125 West Eleventh Street,
New York.

Dear Sir:

Acknowledging the receipt of your esteemed favor of the 20th inst., enclosing a communication signed by seven distinguished artists of New York City, suggesting certain terms of competition for new designs for the silver coins of the United States, I beg to say that while I very much regret that the distinguished gentlemen whose names are appended find it impossible for them to compete under the terms of the circular inviting designs, there are strong reasons why it would not be proper or advisable at this time to make any change in the conditions of the competition.

In the first place it is within ten days of the date fixed for the models to be submitted, and a number have already been received, so that it would be manifestly unfair to those who have prepared designs to extend the period of competition. But, aside from this, I have no appropriation at my disposal which would enable me to carry out the conditions of competition suggested by you, and the gentlemen signing the communication which you forwarded. In regard to the first suggestion, as to a competent jury of artists to pass upon the awards, it has been, and still is my intention, as stated publicly, at the time designs were asked for, to ask the assistance of competent artists or art critics in making a selection in case the designs received are considered worthy of consideration.

With great respect,

E. O. Leech

Director of the Mint.

May 21, 1891.

Augustus St. Gaudens, Esq.,
148 West 36th St.

New York.

Dear Sir:

Your esteemed favor of the 19th inst. has been received and also the paper, signed by artists to which you refer.

I have to day addressed a communication to Mr. French, who forwarded it explaining the reasons why I cannot at this late date make any change in the conditions of the competition. Some two thousand circulars were sent out and I endeavored to reach all sculptors, artists, engravers and die-sinkers in the United States. Some dozen or more models have been received to this date.

I presume it was well understood, as I stated in the public press, that I should ask the assistance of distinguished artists in passing upon the designs and that I would not think of trusting myself to perform so delicate and important a duty.

The Department is under no obligation to accept any of the designs submitted, and, I am very certain, will not accept any, if they do not possess considerable merit.

Very respectfully,

E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

May 21, 1891.

W. W. Dutton Esq.,
Lima, Ohio.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt, by express, of a box containing two designs for the Silver dollar of the United States.

The designs will receive due consideration, and in case they should not be accepted, will be returned to you at the expense of the Department.

Very respectfully,
 E. O. Leach
 Director of the Mint.

May 22, 1891.

First Auditor,
Treasury Department.

Sir:

I transmit herewith for examination and settlement, the Bullion Accounts of the Superintendent of the U. S. Mint at New Orleans La., for the Quarter ending March 31, 1891, rendered to me for the purpose of adjustment as required by law.

Very respectfully,
 E. O. Leach
 Director of the Mint.

May 22, 1891.

Supt. U. S. Mint
Carson City, Nev.

Sir:

I return herewith an equal weight of silver in return for sample of proof forwarded by you for Assay.

Very respectfully,
 E. O. Leach
 Director of the Mint.

Telegram
Confirmed

Supt. U. S. Mint
Carson City, Nevada.

May 22, 1891.

Reduce purchasing rate of silver to ninety-seven cents per ounce fine immediately.

E. O. Leach

Director, Mint.

Similar telegrams to:

Supt. U. S. Mint
New Orleans, La.

Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia, Pa.

Supt. U. S. Mint
San Francisco, Cal.

Supt. U. S. Mint
Carson, Nev.

May 22, 1891.

Sir:

I transmit herewith the Assayer's report upon assay coins taken from the first and two subsequent deliveries in each week at your mint during the month of May, 1891, and forwarded for test as prescribed by the Regulations.

The coins were found to be within the legal limits of tolerance.

Respectfully yours,

E. O. Leach, Director of the Mint.

Similar letters to:

Supt. U. S. Mint
New Orleans, La.

Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia, Pa.

Supt. U. S. Mint
San Francisco, Cal.

May 22, 1891.

Assayer in Charge, U. S. Assay Office,
Charlotte, N. C.

Sir:

Referring to your letter of the 21st inst. addressed to the Chief of the Stationery Division of the Treasury, relative to an invoice for stationery shipped you for the six months ending December 31, 1891, you will please sign the vouchers for stationery without raising any question as to the mode of payment, which will be decided at the Department.

Very respectfully
 E. O. Leech
 Director.

May 22nd, 1891.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
New Orleans, La.

Sir:

The following coins, received at your Mint during the month of May, 1891, and forwarded to the Bureau of the Mint for special assay have been received, viz:

2 U. S. Dollars	Del. #88	\$ 2.00
Total		<u>\$ 2.00</u>

Respectfully yours
 E. O. Leech
 Director of the Mint.

May 22, 1891.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
New Orleans, La.

Sir:

I have examined and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for exami-

ation and settlement your Bullion Accounts for the Quarter ending March 31, 1891, with my approval, except \$4.18, net amount unpaid Express Co., which I recommend be disallowed.

The errors as per enclosed Memoranda show great Carelessness in the examination of these bills and there is no good reason why these errors should not be discovered and corrected in your Mint.

You will please instruct your Book-Keeper to verify every shipment as to number of miles, where transferred, amount shipped, rate and charges; this, seemingly, has not been done heretofore. I must insist on these bills being thoroughly examined before they are paid and forwarded to this Bureau.

You will please furnish immediately, Rail-Road Vouchers for the following shipments:

Dec. 3, 1890	H. Mc. Cord & Co.	Horner, La.	\$500	\$0.65
" 6, "	P. Lowenberg,	" "	1,000	1.25
" 10, "	B. & Bro.	" "	500	0.65
" 15, "	P. Lowenberg,	" "	1,000	1.25
" 17, "	P. Lowenberg,	" "	1,000	1.25
" 19, "	B. & Bro.	" "	500	0.65
Feb. 5, 1891,	P. Lowenberg,	" "	1,000	1.25
Total,				\$6.95

Herewith returned for correction your statement of Earnings & Expenditures for the Quarter ending March 31, 1891.

Very respectfully,

E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint

May 22, 1891.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
New Orleans, La.

Sir:

In answer to your inquiry regarding the payment of two Express Bills for \$123.00 each for two shipments of \$15,000.00 each to Key West, Fla., you are authorized to pay the Bills but in future make all Key West shipments by the "Southern Pacific Steamship Co.", at the rate of one-half of one per-cent., or \$5.00 per \$1,000. as quoted by you in yours of the 24th, ultimo.

Very respectfully,
 E. O. Leech
 Director of the Mint.

May 22, 1891.

Telegram Supt. U. S. assay Office,
New York.

Please forward your bullion accounts for March quarter as soon as possible as the Department requires them.

E. O. Leech
 Director, Mint.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia.

May 22, 1891.

Sir:

Purchases of Silver Bullion under the provisions of the Act of July 14, 1890, have been made this day by the Secretary of the Treasury, for delivery at your Mint, of the following parties, at the rates and for

the amounts respectively named, which you will receive and pay for by draft on the Assistant Treasurer at New York, payable in Treasury notes:

Clark Dodge & Co.	100,000 Ounces, at \$0.9720
Moore & Schley,	50,000 Ounces, at \$0.9715
Moore & Schley,	25,000 Ounces, at \$0.9720
Moore & Schley,	25,000 Ounces, at \$0.9723
Messlage, Colgate & Co.	50,000 Ounces, at \$0.9720
Messlage, Colgate & Co.	50,000 Ounces, at \$0.9723

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech,
Director of the Mint.

May 22, 1891.

Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Referring to your letter of the 21st instant, inclosing bids received for printing and binding twenty thousand copies of an index of the Mint Cabinet, I call your attention to the fact that three of the bidders do not state the quality of paper to be used or furnish a sample. They should furnish a sample of the paper they propose to use.

As parties purchasing this catalogue will, no doubt, desire to preserve it it should be printed on a good quality of paper.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

May 22, 1891.

Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Sir:

I have received the box containing twenty six [26] Gold, sixty-four [64] Silver and ninety-six [96] Bronze life saving medals forwarded by express as advised in your letter of the 21st instant and have caused the same to be delivered to the Chief of Ordnance, with the request that a draft for the amount of your account viz., two thousand three hundred and seventy-one dollars and forty cents [\$2,371.40] be transmitted you as early as practicable.

Respectfully yours,
 E. C. Leach
 Director of the Mint.

May 22, 1891.

Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I forward you by this mail Galswoode's tables for the humid assay of silver.

Respectfully yours,
 E. C. Leach
 Director of the Mint.

May 22, 1891.

Telegram Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia, Pa.

Please send for Miss Koerner and appoint her in the Mint at once. It is a case of starvation. Her mother is dead and she is utterly without

means of support.

Senator Stewart and his wife have made this request of me in such a manner that I cannot ignore it.

E. O. Leech

Director, Mint.

May 22, 1891.

Brigadier General O. W. Flagler,

Chief of Ordnance, War Department
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

I transmit herewith a box containing twenty-six [26] Gold, fifty-four [54] Silver and ninety-six [96] Bronze Army Marksmanship Medals struck in compliance with your request of March 18th.

I also inclose herewith the account of the Superintendent of the Mint for the medals, riders, cases and express charges, amounting to two thousand three hundred and seventy-one dollars and forty cents [\$2,371.40], for which sum I will thank you to cause a draft to be remitted him as early as practicable.

Please acknowledge the receipt of these medals to this Bureau.

Respectfully yours,

E. O. Leech

Director of the Mint.

May 22, 1891.

Margaret S. Conway

380 Baronne St.,

New Orleans, La.

Mrs:

Acknowledging the receipt of the package containing designs for the coins of the

United States I enclose you a copy of the circular on the subject from which you will see that only models & medallions in plaster will be received under the terms of the competition.

I will hold your designs, which possess considerable merit for the present, and make such disposition of them as you may suggest.

Very respectfully,

E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

May 22, 1891

Messrs. B. Westermann & Co.,
#812, Broadway,
New York City,
N. Y.

Gentlemen:

Your bills of the 30th of March, 9th April and 21st of May for books and magazines purchased for the use of this Bureau amounting to \$10.91 has been approved and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement.

In the course of ten days a draft for the amount will probably be mailed you.

Very respectfully,

E. O. Leech
Director.

May 22, 1891.

O. N. Sargent Esq.,
19 Temple Pl., Boston, Mass.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt, by Express, of a box containing several designs for

the silver coins of the United States.

The designs will receive due consideration and in case they should not be accepted, will be returned to you at the expense of the Department.

Very respectfully,

E. O. Leech
Director.

May 22, 1891.

American Exchange, National Bank
New York.

Your offer declined.

E. O. Leech

Director, Mint.

Similar telegrams to:

Sellby Smelting and Lead Company;
San Francisco, California.

Zimmermann & Forchay,
11, Wall Street, New York.

Handy & Harman,
24 Nassau Street,
New York

+ Offers +

May 22, 1891.

Clark, Dodge & Co.
57, Wall Street,
New York.

Your offer of one hundred thousand ounces at
sixty-seven, twenty one hundredths cents,

accepted, other declined.

E. O. Leech
Director, Mint

May 22, 1891

Telegram
Confirmed

Clark Dodge & Co.,
57 Wall Street
New York.

Your offer of one hundred thousand ounces, at ninety-seven, twenty one-hundredths cents, accepted, other declined.

E. O. Leech
Director, Mint

May 22, 1891.

Telegram
Confirmed

Messlage, Colgate & Co.,
129 Wall Street
New York.

Your offers of fifty thousand ounces at ninety-seven, twenty, and fifty thousand ounces at ninety-seven, twenty three, accepted. Other declined.

E. O. Leech
Director, Mint

May 22, 1891.

Telegram
Confirmed

Morre & Schley,
80 Broadway, New York.

Your offers accepted.

E. O. Leech
Director, Mint

Telegram

Supt. Assay Office,
New York.
Telegraph if possible today, total gold exports from New York since January first.

May 23, 1891

E. O. Leech, Director

Telegram Boston and Colorado Smelting Co.,
Denver, Colorado.

May 22, 1891.

Confirmed

Your offer received too late for consideration,
 but would have been declined.

E. O. Leech
 Director, Mint.

May 23, 1891.
Assayer in Charge, U. S. Assay Office,
Boise City, Idaho.

Sir:

I have approved and referred to the proper
 Accounting Officers of the Treasury, for examina-
 tion and settlement an account of the Cen-
 tral Pacific Railway Co. for the transporta-
 tion in the Month of October, 1890, from
 San Francisco to Ogden Utah of two
 bbls Bone Ash, amounting to \$1.72, Consigned
 to your care, payable from the appropriation
 for Wages and Contingent Expenses of your office
 fiscal year 1891.

Duplicate of which.

Very respectfully,
 E. O. Leech
 Director.

Similar letters, except as follows, to:

Supt. U. S. Mint
San Francisco, Cal.

+ + + + +
 + Ogden, Utah to San Francisco + + Stationery Exp-
 plics + + \$30.14 + + your Mint

Supt. U. S. Mint, Philadelphia, Pa (over)

+	+	+	+
December	San Francisco to Ogden		
Utah	Adjusting Machine		
\$49.87	your Mint		

May 23, 1891.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Carson, Nev.

Sir:

I have approved and referred to the proper Accounting Officers of the Treasury for examination and settlement an account of the Central Pacific Railway Co., for the transportation in the Month of October-November, 1890, from San Francisco to Reno of Mint Supplies, amounting to \$74.38, consigned to your care, payable from the appropriation for Contingent Expenses of your Mint, 1891 \$4.30 and from Parting and Refining Bullion \$70.08. Duplicate B/L herewith.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech
Director.

May 23, 1891

Supt. U. S. Mint,
New Orleans, La.

Sir:

The following coins, received at your Mint during the month of May, 1891, and forwarded to the Bureau of the Mint for special assay, have been received viz.

20 S. S. Dollars, Del. #89	\$ 2.00
Total	\$ 2.00

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint

The Superintendent, U. S. Assay Office,
New York.

May 23, 1891.

Sir:

Acknowledging the receipt of yours of the 22nd, inst., relative to your billiard accounts for the quarter ended March 31, 1891 I would say that had I been aware that these accounts were detained by the sickness of Mr. Weaver I should not have pressed you in the matter.

The reason I did so was that some of my clerks, who work on these accounts, were short of work and I wanted to keep them busy, but the explanation that you have given is entirely satisfactory.

Very respectfully,

E. O. Leech
Director.

Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia, Pa.

May 23, 1891.

Sir:

Referring to your letter of the 22nd. inst. I see no objection to your incurring an expenditure of \$2,000 for an electric plant of 15 horse power, and you are authorized to make the improvement suggested, to be completed by the end of the present fiscal year.

I don't think I would incur any expense for repairs in outside shops that can be done in the mint. As I have said a number of times we must economize matters so as to keep your force as fully employed as possible after the first of July.

You are doubtless aware that the rewards for accepted designs for coins will be paid from your contingent appropriation amounting if five are accepted to \$2,500. It will be necessary to receive this amount of your contingent appropriation for the current fiscal year, and you will instruct your clerk, in making requisition for the month of June, to bear this in mind. I shall also pay the expenses of three gentlemen to Washington and back to pass upon these designs, from your contingent appropriation as the law authorizes.

Very respectfully,
E. H. Seech
Director.

May 23, 1891.

Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Acknowledging the receipt of your communication of the 22nd inst. relative to the Truxton medal, I have communicated with Gen. Beale on the subject, and will let you know his reply.

Very respectfully,
E. H. Seech
Director.

May 23, 1891.

Supt. U. S. Mint
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

Acknowledging the receipt of your communication of the 16th inst. relative to the coinage of 1,000,000 pesos, or dollars, for the

Republic of Guatemala, I would reply to the interrogatories as follows:

1. The preparation of the dies would probably occupy two or three months after the legally prescribed standards and devices of the country had been furnished.

2. It would take from two to three months to execute the coinage of 1,000,000 pesos, in connection with our own coinage; and they could probably be delivered at the rate of from 300,000 to 500,000 per month.

3 The cost of the coinage would be, approximately, as follows:

For the hubs for the dies	\$ 500
10 pairs of dies	255.
Cost of preparing ingots	3,000
Cost of manufacturing ingots into coin	9,000
Total	<u>\$12,755</u>

Of course, the silver and copper necessary for this coinage will be furnished by the Government of Guatemala or its duly accredited agent.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech
Director.

May 23, 1891.

Gen. Edward F. Beale,
28 Lafayette Square,
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

I take the liberty of enclosing herewith a copy of a communication received from the Superintendent of the Mint at Philadelphia, in regard to the medal presented by the United States to Commodore Thomas S. Stribling, which is understood to be in the possession

of your family.

I find upon a comparison of the duplicates now struck at the Mint with the representation of the original medal, as given in Forbats' Medallie History of the United States which engraving Forbat's States is an exact representation of the original gold medal, at present the property of Thomas Graxton Houston, Jr. that the medal struck at the Mint differs in some respects from the original, especially in the fact that it contains none of the inscriptions on the original, and has a mistake in the day of the month that the resolution authorizing the presentation of the medal was passed.

If you would have no objection to lending the Mint this medal for a brief period - say a month or so - I will have an exact copy of the original made to take the place of the Graxton medal now struck at the Mint.

Very respectfully,

E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

May 22, 1891.

Miss E. K. Seidmore,

Juneau

Alaska Territory.

Dear Madam:

I take pleasure in mailing you today to the above address copies of the report on the Production of the Precious Metals in the United States from and including the year 1884 to 1890. Please acknowledge receipt of the same.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

May 25, 1891.

Hon. Charles Foster,Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

I have the honor to request that you will cause a transfer to be made from the Bullion Fund of the United States Mint at New Orleans to that of the Treasury of the United States of the sum of four hundred and eighty-six thousand, eight hundred and thirty-two dollars and twenty-seven cents, [$\$486,832.27$] the same being the balance of money placed to the credit of the Superintendent of said Mint with the Assistant Treasurer at New York for the purchase of silver bullion under the Act of February 28, 1878. There are no outstanding checks against this amount.

Respectfully yours,

E. O. Leech

Director of the Mint.

May 25, 1891.

Hon. Charles E. Foster,Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that a transfer be made from the Bullion Fund of the U. S. Mint at Denver, Colo. to that of the U. S. Mint at Philadelphia, of the sum of fifty-nine thousand five hundred and twelve ⁰⁵/₁₀₀ Dollars ($\$59,512.⁰⁵/₁₀₀$) in Gold Coin and Six Hundred and thirty-five ¹⁸/₁₀₀ Dollars ($\$635.¹⁸/₁₀₀$) in Silver Coin, making a total of Sixty thousand, One Hundred and Forty Seven ²³/₁₀₀ Dollars ($\$60,147.²³/₁₀₀$), being the net value of Bullion heretofore forwarded by the Assayer in charge of the United States Mint at Denver, as shown by Memorandum No. 22 dated May 20, 1891,

of Gold Bullion deposited at said Mint.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director.

May 25, 1891.

Supt. U. S. Mint
Carson, Nevada.

Sir:

Your Bullion Accounts and Statements of Earnings and Expenditures for the Quarter ending March 31, 1891, are herewith returned for correction.

All silver purchased and partings since August 14, 1890 must be paid for in Treasury notes, and ~~or~~ entered in your Bullion Accounts. You will notice I have taken up in your Gold Coin Ac^t and credited "Parting & Refining Ac^t" with \$1.21, error in parting charge imposed on silver purchase #196. The charge should be \$6.05 instead of \$4.84.

Please send corrected Accounts at your earliest convenience and return the enclosed.

Very respectfully,

E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

May 25, 1891.

Supt. U. S. Mint
Carson City, Nevada.

Suspend local purchases at close of business tomorrow, and report by wire amount of local purchases this month.

E. O. Leech
Director, Mint.

Telegram
Confirming

Similar telegram to:

Supt. U. S. Mint
San Francisco, Cal.

Assayer in charge, U. S. Mint
Denver, Colo. May 25, 1891.

Sir:

Deposit Memorandum No. 22 dated May 20, 1891, of Gold Bullion forwarded by you to the United States Mint at Philadelphia, Shipment No. 22 dated May 15, 1891, has been received and examined at this Bureau and the gross value found to be \$60,290⁸²/₁₀₀; charges \$143⁵⁹/₁₀₀, and net value \$60,147²³/₁₀₀. For the latter amount a transfer has been requested from the bullion fund of your Institution to that of the United States Mint at Philadelphia.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leach
Director of the Mint.

Assayer in charge, U. S. Mint
Denver, Colo. May 25, 1891.

Sir:

I have approved and referred to the proper Accounting Officers of the Treasury for examination and settlement an account of the Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe Railway Co. for the transportation in the Month of September, 1890, from Atchison, Kas. to Denver, Colo. of stationery supplies amounting to \$5.21, consigned to your care, payable from the appropriation

for contingent expenses of your mint, fiscal year 1891, Duplicate bill and B/L herewith.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech
Director.

May 25, 1891.

Telegram Sup't. U. S. Assay Office
New York.

Thanks for your letter of Saturday, relative to gold exports but you did not give me the amount shipped & date, as requested in first part of my letter.

As I would like it to use at cabinet to-morrow, please send by mail this evening without fail.

E. O. Leech
Director, Mint.

May 25, 1891

Sup't. Mint U. S.,
New Orleans, La.

Sir:

I have requested the Secretary of the Treasury to cause a transfer to be made from the Bullion Fund of your Mint to the Treasury of the United States of the sum of four hundred and eighty-six thousand, eight hundred and thirty-two dollars, and twenty-seven cents (\$486,832.27), the same being the balance standing to your credit with the Assistant Treasurer at New York on account of moneys transferred to you to pay for Silver Bullion purchased under the Act of February 28, 1878.

Respectfully yours,

E. O. Leech

Director of the Mint.

May 25, 1891.

Sup't. U. S. Mint,

New Orleans.

Sir:

Purchases of Silver Bullion under the provisions of the Act of July 14, 1890, have been made this day by the Secretary of the Treasury, for delivery at your Mint, of the following parties, at the rates and for the amounts respectively named, which you will receive and pay for by draft on the Assistant Treasurer at New York, payable in Treasury notes:

Boston & Colorado

Smelting Company 70,000 Ounces, at \$0.9730

Respectfully yours,

E. O. Leech

Director of the Mint.

Similar letter, except as here noted, to:

Sup't. U. S. Mint

Philadelphia, Pa.

Fourth National Bank 30,000 Ounces, at \$0.9720

Cons. Kansas City, S. & K. Co. 16,500 Ounces, at \$0.9730

American Exchg. National Bank 34,000 Ounces, at \$0.9725

Handy & Harman 25,000 Ounces, at \$0.9720

Handy & Harman 20,000 Ounces, at \$0.9722

Handy & Harman 70,000 Ounces, at \$0.9725

Handy & Harman 50,000 Ounces, at \$0.9735

May 25, 1891.

Telegram Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia, Pa.

Butler will be at the mint tomorrow morning
 to commence weighing silver dollars into vaults.
 Have everything arranged necessary to commence
 work promptly at nine o'clock tomorrow morning.
 I want the work done as expeditiously as possible
 as I need Butler here. No necessity of sending Meline.
 E. O. Leech
 Director, Mint.

May 25, 1891

Telegram Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia, Pa.

Meline is busy on Treasury Count. Vault is under
 your seal and mine as well as Treasurer's.
 Butler will break it.
 Treasurer is pressing for dimes. Fill his
 orders as rapidly as possible.
 E. O. Leech
 Director, Mint.

May 25, 1891.

Supt. U. S. Mint
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:
 Replying to your letter of the 19th inst.
 relative to your bullion accounts, the error
 in charges on gold deposit No. 1631 should be
 debited to "gold coinage" instead of to "Treasury
 note account".
 The instructions in regard to gold deposit
 No. 1831 are correct. As this silver did not

cost you anything it cannot be paid for in Treasury notes.

An adjustment entry between your "Treasury note account" and your "Coin accounts" can be made some time in the future, if necessary, to make the balance of Treasury notes conform to the exact amount of silver purchases.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech
Director.

May 25, 1891.

B. F. Butler, Esq.,
Bureau of the Mint,
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

You are hereby instructed to proceed to Philadelphia and weigh into vault "C" the large coin storage vault now under your seal, some seventeen million dollars of silver coin stored in other vaults.

You will perform this duty as expeditiously as possible and seal the vault, placing thereon a memorandum of its contents.

You will come to Washington at the close of business Saturday, and return to Philadelphia on the following Tuesday unless I instruct you differently.

Your necessary expenses will be paid while performing this duty.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech
Director.

May 25, 1891.

Miss E. T. Lander
210 East 13th St., New York.

Miss:

Replying to your note of yesterday I would say that about two thousand copies of the circular to artists were sent out from this Bureau to all artists, sculptors, engravers and relief designers in the United States whose addresses I could obtain.

No objection was made upon the part of any one to the competition until within ten days of the date that designs were to be submitted, when I received a communication signed by seven artists residing in New York City, enumerating the terms upon which they would compete.

While it is a matter of deep regret to me that these gentlemen would not compete under the terms of the Department's circular, it would be manifestly improper at this late date for me to change the terms of the competition, besides the terms proposed by them would involve so large an expenditure of public money that it would be practically impossible for me to comply with their suggestions.

Very respectfully
 E. O. Leech
 Director.

May 25, 1891.

Messrs. Zimmermann & Forshay,
No. 11 Wall Street
New York City.

Gentlemen:

In reply to your letter of the 23rd inst.

you are informed that the local purchases by
the mint to the close of business on that date
were 465,920 fine ounces.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

May 25, 1891.

Telegram
Confirmed

American Exchange National Bank,
New York.

Your offer of thirty-four thousand ounces at
ninety-seven, one-quarter cents, accepted. Offer
declined.

E. O. Leech
Director, Mint.

May 25, 1891.

Telegram
Confirmed

W. Saiza & Co.,
San Francisco, Cal.

Your offer declined. E. O. Leech
Director, Mint.

Similar telegrams to:

Messlage, Colgate & Co.,
29, Wall Street, New York.

Zimmermann & Farshay,
11, Wall Street, New York.

Clark Dodge & Co.,
51 Wall Street, New York.
+ offers + + +

May 25, 1891.

Telegram
ConfirmedBoston & Colorado Smelting Co.,
Denver, Colo.

Your offer accepted.

E. O. Leech
Director, Mint.

Similar telegrams to:

Fourth National Bank,
New York.Consolidated Kansas City Smelting & Refining Co.,
20, Nassau Street,
New York.Hendy & Harman,
24 Nassau Street, New York.

May 26, 1891.

Hon. Charles Foster,Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that a transfer be made from the Bullion Fund of the U. S. Assay Office at Helena to that of the U. S. Mint at Philadelphia, of the sum of Nine thousand Two Hundred and Seventy-one $\frac{06}{100}$ Dollars (\$9,271. $\frac{06}{100}$) in Gold Coin, and Sixty-four $\frac{47}{100}$ Dollars (\$64. $\frac{47}{100}$) in Silver Coin making a total of Nine thousand Three Hundred and Thirty-five $\frac{53}{100}$ Dollars, (\$9,335. $\frac{53}{100}$) being the net value of Bullion heretofore forwarded by the Assayer in Charge of the United States Assay Office at Helena as shown by Memorandum No. 27 dated

May 23, 1891, of Gold Bullion deposited at
said Mint.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director.

Sup't U. S. Mint
Carson City, Nevada.

May 26, 1891.

Sir:

You are authorized to sell one condemned
lathe and hydraulic press as requested in
your letter of the 19th instant. You will be careful
to obtain from parties who would be likely to
purchase such articles, bids for the same, ac-
cepting the highest bid, and depositing the proceeds
in the Treasury, as sales of old material.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

Assayer in Charge, U. S. Assay Office,
Helena, Mont.

May 26, 1891.

Sir:

Deposit Memorandum No. 27, dated May 23, 1891,
of Gold Bullion forwarded by you to the
United States Mint at Philadelphia, Shipment
No. 27 dated May 16, 1891, has been received and
examined at this Bureau and the gross value found
to be \$9358.⁵⁰/₁₀₀. Charges \$22.⁹⁵/₁₀₀ and net
value \$9335.⁵³/₁₀₀. For the latter amount a transfer
has been requested from the bullion fund of
your Institution to that of the United States Mint
at Philadelphia.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

May 26, 1891.

Sup't. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

+ Replying to your letter of the 23rd instant in reference to exchanging standard bronze and nickel planchets, you are authorized to convert the uncurrent minor coins, transferred to you by the Treasury for recoinage into ingots and to exchange the same, pound for pound with the Scovill Manufacturing Company for new clean bronze and nickel planchets, providing you can contract for such exchange, allowing said company for expense of manufacture not more than eight cents per pound for the bronze planchets and ten cents per pound for the nickel planchets delivered.

+ Any contract you may make should be submitted to this Bureau for approval.

Respectfully yours,

E. O. Leach
Director of the Mint.

May 26, 1891.

Sup't. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

The following coins, received at your Mint during the month of May, 1891, and forwarded to the Bureau of the Mint for special assay, have been received, viz:

2 Dimes	Del. 122	\$.20
2 S. S. Dollars	" 123	\$ 2.00
Total		<u>\$ 2.20</u>

Respectfully yours,

E. O. Leach, Director of the Mint.

Similar letter except as follows, to:

Supt. U. S. Mint,

San Francisco, Cal.

+	+	+	+	+
2. S. S. Dollars, Del.	#76		\$2.00	
Total			<u>\$2.00</u>	

May 26, 1891.

Messrs. Baring, Wagon & Co.,
New York.

Gentlemen:

Referring to your communication of the 22nd inst. suggesting the propriety of the Department furnishing gold bars for export without charge, I would say that it seems to me as a business proposition that the Treasury should not be called upon to furnish to exporters a more profitable form of gold than that originally received.

Individuals have deposited with the Treasury gold coin and received certificates promising to pay back such coin on demand. If the Government returns for such certificates which are the form of money usually presented for gold desired for shipment, legal gold coins it has fully and honorably complied with its contract.

Aside from the fact that gold bars are usually at a premium above coin in New York City, the additional fact that exporters of gold make requests for gold with the full knowledge that a charge of four cents a hundred dollars would be imposed, is conclusive proof that bars are a more profitable form of gold for shipment.

It is therefore, not deemed good public policy to facilitate gold exports by furnishing bars of approved weight and purity.

Very respectfully, Charles Foster Secretary.

May 26, 1891.

S. C. Buchanan, Esq.,
Tulalip Agency,
Washington.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt by express, of a box containing five designs for the silver coins of the United States.

The designs will receive due consideration, and in case they should not be accepted will be returned to you at the expense of the Department.

Very respectfully,
 E. W. Leach
 Director of the Mint.

Similar letters, except as here noted, to:

L. P. Spinner, Esq.,
936 N. St., N.W.
Washington, D.C.

+	+	+	+	+
two designs	+	+	silver dollar	+
+	+	+	+	returned to you.

Warren L. Green, Esq.,
American Bank Note Co.
86 Trinity Place, New York.

+	+	+	+	+
a design	+	+	silver dollar	+
design	+	+	+	it should not be
accepted,	+	+	+	+

May 26, 1891.

H. H. Gearing, Esq.,
70 Monroe St., Chicago, Ills.

Sir:

Replying to your communication of the

24th inst., I would suggest that when you forward the models you send a communication with them descriptive of the models, with your name and address. They will not be disturbed until the committee passes upon them, except to acknowledge the receipt of them.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

May 26, 1891.

Robert Beall, Esq.,
495, Pa. Ave.
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

Please send, for the use of this Bureau, a copy of the North American Review for June.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech
Director.

May 27, 1891

Hon. E. H. Meltzer,
Treasurer of the United States,
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

Acknowledging the receipt of your communication of the 26th inst. relative to the transfer of \$50,000 in uncurrent silver coin to the Mint at San Francisco, I have today telegraphed the Superintendent of the Mint in that city to coin the same into dimes at the earliest practical moment, and to spare no pains or expense to execute this coinage as promptly as possible.

Very respectfully,

E. O. Leech
Director.

May 27, 1891.

Sup't. U. S. Assay Office
New York City, N. Y.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your Bullion Account with Abstracts and Vouchers for the Quarter ending March 31st 1891.

Very respectfully,
 E. O. Leech
 Director.

May 27th 1891.

Sup't. U. S. Mint
New Orleans, La.

Sir:

I transmit herewith the Assayer's report upon assay coins taken from the first and two subsequent deliveries in each week at your Mint during the month of May, 1891, and forwarded for test as prescribed by the Regulations.

The coins were found to be within the legal limits of tolerance.

Respectfully yours
 E. O. Leech
 Director of the Mint.

Similar letters sent to:

Sup't. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sup't. U. S. Mint
San Francisco, Cal.

Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia,

May 27th, 1891.

Sir:

Purchases of Silver Bullion under the provisions of the Act of July 14, 1890, have been made this day by the Secretary of the Treasury, for delivery at your Mint of the following parties, at the rates and for the amounts respectively named, which you will receive and pay for by draft on the Assistant Treasurer at New York, payable in Treasury Notes:

American Exch. Natl. Bank 50000 Ounces, at \$0.9750
Nesbitt Colgate & Co. 50000 Ounces, at \$0.9745
Clark Dodge & Co. 100,000 Ounces, at \$0.9750
Guernemann & Forsyth 25,000 Ounces, at \$0.9749

Respectfully yours,

E. O. Leach

Director of the Mint.

May 27, 1891.

Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

The following coins received at your Mint during the month of May, 1891, and forwarded to the Bureau of the Mint for special assay, have been received, viz:

2 U. S. Dollars Del. 124 \$ 2.00

Total \$ 2.00

Respectfully yours,

E. O. Leach

Director of the Mint.

Similar letter, except as follows, to:

Supt. U. S. Mint

San Francisco, Cal.

2 U. S. Dollars, Del. 77

\$ 2.00

May 27, 1891

Telegram
ConfirmedSupt. U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Coin into dimes incurrent silver coin received
from Treasurer, at earliest possible moment.
Expedite the coinage.

E. O. Leech
Director, Mint

May 27, 1891.

Telegram
ConfirmedSupt. U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Receive from Selby Smelting and Lead Com-
pany, fifty thousand ounces silver at ninety-
seven, three tenths cents per ounce fine.

E. O. Leech
Director, Mint

May 27, 1891.

Robert P. Brinhurst, Esq.,
1820 Lucas Place,
St. Louis, Mo.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt by express, of a box con-
taining two designs for the silver dollar of the United States.
The designs will receive due consideration, and in case
they should not be accepted will be returned to you at the
expense of the Department.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint

Similar letters, except as here noted, addressed to:

(over)

Wm. Grabaeh, Esq.,
84 Abbott St.
Detroit, Mich.

+	+	+	+	+
four designs for the silver coins	+		+	
+	+	+	+	+

A. Borlinghaus, Esq.,
315 Olive St.
St. Louis, Mo.

+	+	+	+	+	+
a design for the obverse of the silver dollar	+		+		+
+	+	+	+	+	+
The design	+	+	+	in case it should	
not be accepted	+	+	+	+	+

Telegram

Augustus St. Landens,
148 West 36 St., New York.

May 27, 1891.

Will you serve if requested by the Secretary of the Treasury, as a member of Committee of three artists to assist me in passing on the new designs for our silver coins.

Can offer you no compensation other than your travelling and necessary expenses. Duties will probably occupy one day, - say next Wednesday or Thursday, as may be most convenient for you.

It will be a public service and I shall be personally obliged if you will accept appointment by the Secretary.

Please telegraph answer at Government Expense.

E. O. Leach

Director, Mint.

May 27, 1891.

Telegram
ConfirmedClark, Dodge & Co.,
57, Wall Street, New York.Your offer of one hundred thousand ounces at
ninety-seven, fifty, accepted. Other declined.

E. O. Leech

Director, Mint.

Similar telegram, except as here noted, to:

American Exchange, National Bank,
New York.+ + fifty nine thousand ounces +
+ + + + + +

May 27, 1891.

Telegram
ConfirmedNewlage, Colgate, & Co.,
29, Wall Street, New York.

Your offer accepted.

E. O. Leech

Director, Mint.

Similar telegrams to:

Selby Smelting and Lead Company,
San Francisco, Cal.Zimmermann & Horshay,
11 Wall Street,
New York.

May 27, 1891.

Telegram
ConfirmedConsolidated Kansas City Smelting and Refining Company,
20, Nassau Street, New York.

Your offer declined.

E. O. Leech
Director, Mint.

Similar telegrams to:

Fourth National Bank,
New York.Boston & Colorado Smelting Company,
Denver, Colorado.Handy & Harman
24 Nassau Street, New York.
+ offers + + +May 28th, 1891.Supt. Mint U. S.
Carson City, Nev.

Sir:

The following coins reserved at your Mint during
the month of May, 1891, and forwarded to the Bureau
of the Mint for special assay, have been received, viz:

2 S. S. Dollars, Del. 105

\$ 2.00

Total

\$ 2.00

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

Similar letters, except as here noted, to:

Supt. U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

2 S. S. Dollars Del. #78 \$ 2.00

May 28, 1891

Sup't. U. S. Mint,San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

I have today requested the Secretary of the Treasury to cause to be advanced you the sum of \$2600.00 from the appropriation for the Coinage of Silver Bullion, Act. July 14, 1890, the same to be placed to your credit with the Assistant Treasurer at New York to pay for copper.

Respectfully yours
E. O. Leech
Director.

May 28, 1891.

Assayer in Charge, U. S. Assay Office,
St. Louis, Mo.

Sir:

Replying to your communication of the 26th inst. asking authority to buy a steam engine for the use of your Office, I would say that you are hereby authorized to purchase the same at a reasonable price, and also to expend a sufficient amount for the proper setting of the same.

The only doubt I have in regard to the purchase of this engine is that the noise of it may disturb the other occupants of the building. I think every precaution should be taken to avoid this. It should be set on a brick or stone foundation.

I have referred your letter to the Supervising Architect of the Treasury, with the request that a two inch supply pipe be furnished.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech
Director.

May 28, 1871.

W. O. Chesterman, Esq.,
Richmond Dispatch,
Richmond, Va.

Sir:

Replying to your communication of the 25th inst. relative to the vignette on the United States coin facing to the left while on all foreign coins the vignette faces to the right. I would say, that the statement of the Dispatch's inquirer is not correct. There is no significance in the way in which the vignette faces.

Up to 1807 the heads on our coins face to the right, since that date they have faced to the left, and I can find no special reason for the change. In England it seems that whenever there was a change in the ruler, the face on the coins was reversed - for instance, the coins of George I. shows his face to the right, those of George II to the left, George III. right, George IV. left, William IV. right and all heads of Victoria on the British coin look to the left. As to the other prominent foreign countries:

Napoleon I., France,	right and left
Charles X, France,	" " "
Louis XVIII	" " "
Louis Philippe,	" " "
Napoleon III	" " "
Napoleon III	" left - on some gold coins to the right.
Current Money	" head of liberty to left.
Pius IV	Italy looks to left.
Victor Em' 1861	" " "
" " 1863	" looks to right.
Umberto I 1887	" looks to right.
Ferdinand VII Spain 1814,	looks to right.
Oscar, Norway & Sweden 1853,	looks to right.
Maximilian, Mexico, 1866,	looks to right.

King George of Greece, 1874, is left.

Leopold II. of Belgium, is left.

These are a few that have been taken at random, but they show that the vignette does not look to the right on "all" foreign coins.

I return herewith the Dispatch's letter referred to.

Very respectfully,

E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

May 28, 1891

Hon. John W. Noble,
Secretary of the Interior,
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

On the 12th of March last I transmitted you three Indian Peace medals, struck in compliance with your request of the 12th of March. I also inclosed at the same time the account of the Superintendent of the Mint for the medals amounting to \$31.95.

I am advised by the Superintendent that he has not yet received payment for these medals. I will thank you to cause a draft to be remitted him under cover to this Bureau, as early as practicable. Until payment is made for these medals the Superintendent is short in his accounts \$31.95, and it is very desirable that payment should be made before the close of the current fiscal year.

Respectfully yours,

E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

May 28, 1891.

A. Hanauer, Esq.Manager, Hanauer Smelting Works,
Salt Lake City.

Dear Sir:

Acknowledging the receipt of your communication of the 23rd instant, relative to a hearing on classification of the lead and silver ores in the Western district of Texas, I have handed the same to the Assistant Secretary of the Treasury, Gen. Spaulding, who has charge of Customs matters and he has promised to place you in communication with the District Attorney.

Very respectfully,

E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

May 28, 1891.

Telegram Augustus St. Gaudens,
148 W. 36th St., New York.

I would be pleased to receive a reply to my dispatch at the earliest practicable moment, so that in case you cannot serve it will leave me time to invite some other distinguished artist.

In case you cannot serve I will be pleased to have you name to me some suitable artist in New York City, as your recommendation would have great weight with me.

E. O. Leech,
Director, Mint.

May 28, 1891.

Telegram Henry Mitchell,
110 Tremont St., Boston, Mass.

Will you serve, if requested by the Secretary of

the Treasury, as a member of Committee of three artists to assist me in passing on the new designs for our silver coins.

Can offer you no compensation other than your travelling and necessary expenses. Duties will probably occupy one day - say next Wednesday or Thursday, as may be most convenient for you. It will be a public service and I shall be personally obliged if you will accept appointment by the Secretary.

Please telegraph answer at Government Expense.
E. O. Leech
Director, Mint.

May 28, 1891.

Telegram Henry Mitchell,
110 Tremont St., Boston, Mass.

Thanks for your acceptance. The Secretary will address you a communication, and I will let you know by telegram when it will be necessary for you to be here.

E. O. Leech
Director, Mint.

May 28, 1891.

Elizabeth C. Sloan,
Cor. 44th & Market Sts.
Philadelphia, Pa.

Madam:

I have to acknowledge the receipt by express of a box containing designs for the silver coins of the United States.

The designs will receive due consideration, and in case they should not be accepted, will be returned to you at the expense of

the Department.

Very respectfully,

E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

Similar letters, except as follows, to:

George W. Allen, Esq.,
607 North Grand Ave.
St. Louis, Mo.

+	+	+	+	+
two boxes	+	+	+	+

Co. H. Hansen, Esq.,
Leontine, N.Y.

+	+	+	+
a box	+	+	+

H. H. Ayers, Esq.,
Rochester, N.Y.

+	+	+	+
+	+	+	three designs
+	+	+	+

A. Inguemare, Esq.,
1813 Druid Hill Ave.,
Baltimore, Md.

+	+	+	+
+	+	+	two designs
+	+	+	+

Thos. Wool, Esq.,
537 Woodbine St.,
Harrisburg, Pa.

+	+	+	+
a package	+	two designs	+
+	+	+	silver dollar
+	+	+	+

May 28, 1891.

Robert Wall, Esq.
495 Penna. Ave.
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

Please send for the use of this Bureau, a copy of the "Forum" for June.

Very respectfully,
 E. O. Leach
 Director.

May 29, 1891.

Hon. Charles Foster
Secretary, of the Treasury.

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that the Bullion Fund of the United States Assay Office at Charlotte be increased in the sum of Twenty-five Thousand Dollars, (\$25,000.-) by a transfer of that amount in lawful money and that the same be placed to the credit of the Assayer in charge of said institution as follows, viz:

\$20,000.- with Assistant Treasurer U. S. at New York
 5,000.- with Charlotte National Bank, Charlotte, N. C.

Respectfully yours,
 E. O. Leach
 Director of the Mint.

May 29, 1891

Supt. U. S. Mint
New Orleans, Louisiana.

Sir:

Until further notice you will pay for local purchases of silver at the rate of ninety-six and three quarter cents per ounce fine.

On and after the first proximo you will pay for silver contained in gold deposits at the rate of eighty-seven cents per ounce standard.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leach
Director of the Mint.

Similar letter to:

Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia, Pa.

May 29, 1891.

Telegram Assayer in Charge
U. S. Assay Office
Boise Idaho.

May 29, 1891.

From and after the first proximo pay for silver contained in gold deposits at the rate of eighty seven cents per ounce standard.

E. O. Leach
Director.

Similar telegrams to:

Assayer in Charge U. S. Mint
Denver, Colo.

Assayer in Charge, U. S. Assay Office
Helena Montana.

May 29, 1891.

Assayer, U. S. Assay Office
Charlotte, N. C.

Sir:

I have requested that the Bullion Fund of your Institution be increased by a transfer of Twenty-five Thousand Dollars, and that

\$20,000 of this amount be placed to your credit with the Assistant Treasurer of the United States at New York and \$5,000 with Charlotte National Bank (Charlotte, N. C.)

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech
Director.

May 29, 1891.

Assayer in Charge, U. S. Assay Office,
Charlotte, North Carolina.

Sir:

On and after the first proximo you will pay for silver contained in gold deposits at the rate of Eighty-seven cents per ounce standard.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint

Similar letters to:

Supt. U. S. Assay Office,
New York City.

Assayer in Charge, U. S. Assay Office,
St. Louis, Missouri.

May 29, 1891

Telegram

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Carson, Nevada.

Resume local purchases of silver on first proximo, and pay until further notice ninety six, three quarter cents per ounce fine. Reduce price for silver contained in gold deposits to eighty-seven cents per ounce standard.

over

E. O. Leech,
Director, Mint

Similar telegram to:

Supt. U. S. Mint
San Francisco, Cal.

Telegram Supt. U. S. Assay Office
New York.

May 29, 1891.

If you can supplement your detailed statement of the twenty-fifth instant, of gold bars and coin shipped to Europe since January first, by the shipments of this week or as to reach me by letter Monday or Tuesday of next week, I will be obliged.

E. O. Leech
Director, Mint.

Supt. U. S. Mint
New Orleans, La.

May 29, 1891.

Sir:

The official bonds of Joseph Albrecht as assistant-melter and Rudolf John Eugene Stas, as warrant clerk, and William Cybrius Dufore, as assistant weigh clerk of your Mint, have been approved by the Secretary of the Treasury and filed in the office of the First Comptroller.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director.

May 29th 1891

Supt. U. S. Mint
New Orleans, La.

Sir:

The following coins received at your Mint during the month of May, 1891, and forwarded to the Bureau of the Mint for special assay, have been received, viz:

2 S. S. Dollars, Del. #23	\$2.00
Total	<u>\$2.00</u>

Respectfully yours
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

Similar letter, except as here noted, to:

Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia, Pa.

2 S. S. Dollars - Del. 125	<u>\$2.00</u>
----------------------------	---------------

May 29th 1891

Supt. U. S. Mint
New Orleans

Sir:

Purchases of Silver Bullion under the provision of the Act of July 14, 1890, have been made this day by the Secretary of the Treasury, for delivery at your Mint of the following parties, at the rates and for the amounts respectively named, which you will receive and pay for by draft on the Assistant Treasurer at New York, (payable in Treasury notes):

Boston & Colorado Smelting Company 40,000 ounces @ \$1.97

Respectfully yours

E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

Similar letter except as follows, to:

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia.

Cons. Kansas City S. & K. Co.	26,000 Ounces, at \$0.9700
Handy & Harman	20,000 Ounces, at \$0.9700
American Exchange National Bank	34,000 Ounces, at \$0.9700

May 29, 1891

Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Referring to your letter of the 21st instant, submitting bids for printing and binding 20,000 copies of the Index to the Mint Cabinet, as the bid of the Avil Printing Company, namely \$250 for printing and binding, and \$13 for electric-plates is the lowest, you are instructed to accept the same. The bids are returned herewith, with samples of paper submitted.

Respectfully yours
E. O'Leach
Director of the Mint.

May 29, 1891.

Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

As requested in your letter of the 28th instant, you are authorized to deliver to the Corion for use in the manufacture of other medals the three hundred and seventy-five [375] medals struck for the Monier Metallurgic Company of Colorado in 1866, also the copper medals struck in 1876 for Nichols, Pickering and Company, and neither

paid nor called for.

Respectfully yours,
E. W. Leach
Director of the Mint.

May 29, 1891.

Carl Larber, Esq.,
St. Louis, Mo.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of a box containing three designs for the silver coins of the United States.

The designs will receive due consideration, and in case they should not be accepted will be returned to you at the expense of the Department.

Very respectfully,
E. W. Leach
Director of the Mint.

Similar letters, except as here noted, to:

E. Bissinger Esq.
31, E. Beck St.,
Columbus, Ohio.

a design for the silver dollar	+	+	+	+
The design	+	+	+	in case
it should not be accepted,	+	+	+	+

L. Foellner Esq.
923 Broadway, New York.

by express	+	+	+	+
designs for the silver coins	+	+	+	box containing five
	+	+	+	

Telegram

Augustus St. Gaudens
148 West 36th St., New York.

May 29, 1891.

Thanks for your kindness. Secretary will send you letter to day. Committee will meet in my office Wednesday morning of next week at ten o'clock, if agreeable to you.

E. O. Leech
 Director, Mint.

Telegram

Henry Mitchell
110 Tremont St.,
Boston, Mass.

May 29, 1891.

Committee of artists, consisting of yourself, Saint Gaudens and engraver of Mint at Philadelphia, will meet in my office ten o'clock Wednesday morning of next week.

E. O. Leech
 Director, Mint.

Telegram

Charles E. Barber
U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

May 29, 1891.

Committee of artists, consisting of yourself, Saint Gaudens and Henry Mitchell of Boston will meet in my office at ten o'clock, Wednesday morning of next week.

E. O. Leech
 Director, Mint.

May 29, 1891.

Telegram Handy & Harman,
24 Nassau Street, New York.

Confirmed

Your offer of twenty-thousand ounces at
 ninety-seven cents accepted. Others declined.

E. O. Leech

Director, Mint.

May 29, 1891.

Telegram Consolidated Kansas City Smelting and Refining Company,
20 Nassau Street, New York.

Confirmed

Your offer of twenty-six thousand ounces at
 ninety-seven cents, accepted. Other declined.

E. O. Leech

Director, Mint

May 29, 1891.

Telegram Boston & Colorado Smelting Company,
Danver, Colorado.

Confirmed

Forty thousand ounces of your offer accepted.

E. O. Leech

Director, Mint.

May 29, 1891

Telegram American Exchange National Bank,
New York.

Confirmed

Your offer accepted.

E. O. Leech

Director, Mint.

Telegram
Confirmed

Selby Smelting and Lead Company,
San Francisco, Cal. May 29, 1891.

Your offer declined.

E. O. Leech
Director, Mint.

Similar telegrams to:

Zimmermann & Forsyth
11 Wall Street, New York.

Clark, Dodge & Co.
57 Wall Street, New York.
+ offers + + + +

Telegram
Confirmed

Supt. U. S. Mint
Carson City, Nevada. June 1, 1891.

Coin one-hundred and eighty-five thousand
silver dollars in June, without fail.

E. O. Leech
Director, Mint.

Supt. U. S. Assay Office
New York City. June 1st, 1891.

Sir:

Please inform me if all the Trade Dollar Bullion has
been shipped to New Orleans. If not, when will ship-
ment be completed?

Respectfully yours,

E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

June 1, 1891.

Supt. U. S. Mint
New Orleans, La.

Sir:

You will please cause five hundred thousand
 [500,000], silver dollars to be coined in June.

Respectfully yours,

E. O. Leech
 Director of the Mint.

June 1st, 1891.

Supt. U. S. Mint
New Orleans.

Sir:

Purchases of Silver Bullion under the provisions
 of the Act of July 14, 1890, have been made
 this day by the Secretary of the Treasury, for
 delivery at your Mint, of the following parties,
 at the rates and for the amounts respectively
 named, which you will receive and pay for
 by draft on the Assistant Treasurer at
 New York, payable in Treasury notes:

Boston & Colorado Smelting Company, 40000 Ounces, at \$0.9725

Respectfully yours,

E. O. Leech

Director of the Mint.

Similar letter, except as here noted, to:

Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia.

+ Fourth National Bank 34000 Ounces, at \$0.9700

+ Fourth National Bank 32000 Ounces, at \$0.9710

+ Const. Kansas City S. & C. Co. 30000 Ounces, at \$0.9725

+ Handy & Harman 80,000 Ounces, at \$0.9725

Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia, Pa.

June 1, 1891.

Sir:

I have fixed your allotment of silver dollar coinage for the month of June at \$90,000 in order that you may have an opportunity to execute as large a coinage of dimes as possible, and also to give you a chance to coin some five cent pieces and some bronze cents. I notice your stock of bronze cents is almost entirely exhausted.

In order to avoid any embarrassment I think you had better run off a lot of them early in the month in addition to the dimes, leaving your dollar coinage for the latter part of the month.

I would suggest that, in view of the fact that you can utilize your present force, you run your coinage as far up in the month of June as possible, so that when your force is reduced in July you will not be embarrassed in the execution of the necessary coinage.

Very respectfully
 E. O. Speer
 Director.

Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia, Pa.

June 1, 1891.

Sir:

You will please cause nine hundred thousand [900,000] silver dollars to be coined during the month of June. In addition to this, you will be expected to complete the coinage into dimes of the balance of the inherent silver coin transferred to you by the Treasurer

of the United States for recoinage.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

June 1, 1891.

Telegram

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

No. I prefer to leave the matter to the Committee of artists appointed by the Secretary, as it is a public competition. Have written you.

E. O. Leech
Director, Mint.

Telegram
Confirmed

Supt. U. S. Mint
San Francisco, Cal.

June 1st, 1891.

Coin one million silver dollars in June.

E. O. Leech
Director, Mint.

Telegram
Confirmed

Supt. U. S. Mint
San Francisco, Cal.

June 1, 1891.

In view of stoppage of silver dollar coinage and consequential reduction of force on July first, would suggest keeping the mint open to receipt of crude deposits to the twentieth instant and to fine to the twenty-fifth. If necessary, settlement can run over to July.

I expect to make the settlement myself, and cannot be in San Francisco until the last of June. The necessary orders in regard to

stoppage of silver dollar coinage and reduction of
price unless issued at the proper time. For the present
the matter should be kept quiet.

E. O. Leech

Director Mint.

June 1, 1891.

Harry Barrett, Esq.,

209 Narragansett Ave.

Providence, R. I.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of a box containing
two designs for the silver dollar of the United States. The
designs will receive due consideration, and in case
they should not be accepted, will be returned to you at the
expense of the Department.

Very respectfully,

E. O. Leech

Director of the Mint.

Similar letters addressed to:

Henry Butler, Esq.,

2143 Bank St.

Louisville, Ky.

Ellen Rankin Copp,

Gymn Price

200 Michigan Ave., Chicago, Ills.

D. W. Goodnight, Esq.,

Paris, Mo.

A. Gretech, Esq.,

529, 7th St. N. W.

Washington D.C.

over

(Similar to letter on preceding page)

Margaret Maud Kumble,
4 Institute Building, Chicago, Ills.

George A. Johnson, Esq.,
111 Doyle Ave., Providence, R. I.

R. A. Rowland, Esq.,
Peoria, Ills.

Caroline Hunt Pinman,
63 Park Building, Boston, Mass.

Frederick Silvester, Esq.,
609 E. State St.
Rockford, Ills.

Chas. Sekirk, Esq.,
81 N. Pearl St., Albany, N. Y.

Arthur Truscott, Esq.,
Columbia, Tenn.

Sam. G. Wilkie,
24 Jefferson St., Taunton, Mass.

Enid Vandell, Esq.,
315 Broadway, N.
Louisville, Ky.

June 1, 1891.

Thos. J. Pairpoint, Esq.,
161 Friendship St., Providence, R. I.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of a box

containing five designs for the silver coins of the United States.

The designs will receive due consideration; and in case they should not be accepted, will be returned to you at the expense of the Department.

Very respectfully,

E. W. Leach

Director of the Mint.

Similar letters, except as here noted, to

Mica Heidemann

Lanier Heights, Washington, D.C.

Misses N. G. and C. L. Hill,

3327 N. St., N.W., Washington, D.C.

+ + + + Three designs + +

N. K. Bush, Brown, Esq.,

Newburgh, N. Y.

+ + + + four designs +

L. E. Kyle, Esq.,

Newark Post Office, Newark, N. J.

+ + package + + ten designs +

J. Trenzell, Esq.,

239 E. 10th St., New York.

+ + + + two designs +

L. A. Burkitt, Esq.,

580 East Long Street,

Columbus, Ohio.

June 1, 1891

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of a box

containing one design for the silver dollar of the United States.

The design will receive due consideration, and in case it should not be accepted, will be returned to you at the expense of the Department.

Very respectfully,
E. M. Leach
Director of the Mint.

Similar letters to:

Pascal Baron, Esq.,
Narragansett Ave., Cor. Roger Williams,
Elmwood, Providence R. I.

H. H. Searing, Esq.,
701, Monroe St., Chicago Ill.

Edward C. Whitchel, Esq.,
American Bank Note Co.
New York.

Miss Mary Avery Jackson,
2 Park Square, Boston, Mass.

Mrs. Eugene R. Morrill,
804 E. St. N. W., Washington, D. C.

Emil H. Wertz, Esq.,
29 Clinton Place
New York.

Telegram
Confirmed

Handy & Harman,
24 Nassau Street, New York.

June 1, 1891

Your offer of eighty thousand ounces at

ninety seven, one quarter cents, accepted. Other declined.

E. O. Leech
Director, Mint.

Telegram
Confirmed

June 1, 1891.
Boston + Colorado Smelting Company,
Denver, Colorado.

Your offer accepted.

E. O. Leech
Director, Mint.

Similar telegrams to:
Consolidated Kansas City Smelting & Refining Company,
20 Nassau Street, New York.

North National Bank,
New York.

+ offers +

Telegram
Confirmed

June 1, 1891
Selby Smelting & Lead Co.,
San Francisco, Cal.

Your offer declined.

E. O. Leech
Director, Mint.

Telegram
Confirmed

June 1, 1891
Clark Dodge & Co.,
51 Wall Street, New York, New York.

Your offers declined.

E. O. Leech
Director, Mint.

June 2, 1891.

Hon. E. H. Nebeker,
Treasurer of the United States.

Sir:

Referring to your letter of yesterday, advising me of the transfer of \$59,610 in uncurrent silver coin to the Mint at Philadelphia, together with about \$75,000 heretofore transferred and remaining uncoined, I would say that I have instructed the Superintendent of the Mint at Philadelphia to recoin this uncurrent silver into dimes at the earliest practicable moment. In order to meet the demand for dimes I have instructed the Superintendent to postpone his quota of the mandatory coinage of silver dollars to the latter part of the month and to devote his presses in the early part of the month exclusively to the coinage of dimes and cents, as the stock of the latter is almost entirely exhausted.

Very respectfully,
 E. C. Leech
 Director of the Mint.

June 2, 1891.

Hon. Charles Foster,
Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that the Bullion Fund of the United States Assay Office at Boise City be increased in the sum of Fifty Thousand Dollars, (\$50,000.-) by a transfer of that amount in lawful money, and that the same be placed to the credit of the Assayer in Charge of said institution with the Assistant Treasurer U. S. at New York and notice of

this credit be made by wire.

Respectfully yours

E. O. Leech

Director of the Mint

Two (2) Similar letters except as here noted, to same address:

+ Mint at Philadelphia + + Three Million Dollars, +
 (\$3,000,000.) + + in Treasury notes +
 credit of the Superintendent + +
 + + + + at New York.

+ Mint at San Francisco + + + Five
 Hundred Thousand Dollars, (\$500,000) + +
 Treasury notes + + +
 + + Superintendent + + + New York.

June 2, 1891.

Assayer, U. S. Assay Office,
Boise City, Idaho.

Sir:

I have requested that the Bullion Fund of your Institution be increased by a transfer of Fifty Thousand Dollars, (\$50,000) and that the same be placed to your credit with the Assistant Treasurer of the United States at New York in lawful money.

Very respectfully,

E. O. Leech

Director.

Similar letters except as follows to:

Supt. U. S. Mint

Philadelphia, Pa.

+ + + Three Million Dollars (\$3,000,000.)
 + + + in Treasury notes

Supt. U. S. Mint
San Francisco, Cal.

over

+ + + Five Hundred Thousand
Dollars, (\$500,000) + + + in Treasury notes.

June 2, 1891

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Carson City, Nev.

Sir:

I transmit herewith the Assayer's report upon assay coins taken from the first and two subsequent deliveries in each week at your Mint during the month of May, 1891, and forwarded for test as prescribed by the Regulations.

The coins were found to be within the legal limits of tolerance.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leach
Director of the Mint.

Similar letters to:

Supt. U. S. Mint,
New Orleans, La.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

June 2, 1891

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

The following coins, reserved at your Mint during the month of May, 1891, and forwarded to the

Bureau of the Mint for special assay, have been re-
ceived viz:

2 Dimes, Del. 128

\$.20

Total

\$.20

Respectfully yours,

E. O. Leech

Director of the Mint

Similar letter, except as here noted, to:

Supt. U. S. Mint,
New Orleans, La.

2 U. S. Dollars

\$2.00

Total

\$2.00

June 2, 1896.

Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

It is suggested that hereafter, in binding the abstract Sheets accompanying your quarterly billion accounts, the silver sheets be bound in a separate book from the gold sheets. The additional expense will be trifling, and it will largely facilitate the examination of the accounts in the Department, as it will enable two clerks to work upon the verification of one account whereas now such verification can only be done by one clerk.

Unless you know of some good reason to the contrary you will please consider this letter as an instruction to that effect.

Very respectfully,

E. O. Leech, Director.

Similar letter to:

Supt. U. S. Assay Office,
New York.

June 2, 1891.

Chas. J. Miller, Esq.32 Cottage St., Taunton, Mass.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of a box containing nine designs for the Silver Coins of the United States.

The designs will receive due consideration, and in case they should not be accepted, will be returned to you at the expense of the Department.

Very respectfully,

E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

Similar letters except as here noted, to:

Axel E. Olsson, Esq.97 Thorndike St.,East Cambridge, Mass.

+ + , by mail + + four designs

The box was badly broken, and upon examination the models were found to be cracked.

John Gelert,333 Oak St., Chicago, Ills.

+ + + + +
+ two designs + + + +

E. A. Kretschmann, Esq.453 Franklin St.,Philadelphia, Pa.

+ + + + +
+ box containing designs + + + +

Oscar A. Ames, Esq.860 Grace St., Chicago, Ills.

over

two designs for the silver dollar +

J. Mooney, Esq.,
152 Corcoran Building,
Washington, D.C.

a package + two designs for the silver dollar +

A. W. Seaver, Esq.,
Manfield, Bristol Co., Mass.

two designs for the silver dollar +

Miss Virginia S. Hutches, June 2, 1891
 3125 Avenue O., Galveston, Texas.

Miss

I have to acknowledge the receipt of a box containing one design for the silver dollar of the United States.

The design will receive due consideration, and in case it should not be accepted, will be returned to you at the expense of the Department.

Very respectfully,

E. C. Leech
 Director of the Mint.

Similar letters, addressed to:

Charles Stuenkel, Esq.,
315 Houston St., San Antonio, Tex.

A. A. Southwick, Esq.,
46 Brighton St., Providence, R.I.

B. J. Wright, Esq.,
68, Dobbin St., Greenpoint, Brooklyn, N.Y.

June 2, 1891.

Sir Charles Fremantle,
Deputy Master of the Royal Mint
London, England.

Dear Sir:

I have received today six copies of your 2nd Annual report on the Royal Mint and I beg to express my thanks for your courtesy and promptness in forwarding the same. I have not yet had an opportunity to examine the report but I have no doubt it is replete with valuable and interesting matter and it will receive early consideration at my hands.

Very truly yours,
 E. O. Leech
 Director of the Mint.

June 2, 1891.

J. W. Powell Esq.,
Director Geological Survey,
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

I will be obliged to you if you will give me any information you may possess as to the production of nickel ore in the United States.

Respectfully yours,
 E. O. Leech
 Director of the Mint.

June 2, 1891.

Hon. Robert P. Porter
Supt. Census,
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

I will thank you to inform me if your

office has issued a bulletin of the production of
nickel in the United States and, if so, will you
kindly forward me a copy of the same?

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

June 3, 1891

Telegram
Confirmed

Sup't, U. S. Mint,
Carson Nevada.

Advance purchasing rate of silver to ninety
seven and one half cents per ounce, fine.
E. O. Leech
Director.

Similar telegrams to:

Sup't, Mint,
New Orleans, La.

Sup't, Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Telegram
Confirmed

Sup't, Mint, U. S.
Carson City, Nevada.

June 3, 1891.

In view of the small balance in the Treasury you will
make your requisition for June for only such funds
as will be absolutely necessary to complete the service of
the month.

E. O. Leech, Director, Mint.

Similar telegrams to:
Sup't, U. S. Mint,
New Orleans, La.

over

(see telegram on preceding page)

Supt. U. S. Assay Office,
New York.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Penna.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Supt. U. S. Mint, June 3, 1891.
Carson City, Nev.

Sir:

The following coins reserved at your Mint during the month of May, 1891, and forwarded to the Bureau of the Mint for special assay, have been received, viz:

2 U. S. Dollars	Del. 106	\$ 2.00
Total		<u>\$ 2.00</u>

Respectfully yours,

E. C. Leech

Director of the Mint.

Similar letters, except as follows, to:

Supt. U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

10 Dimes	Del. 81	\$ 1.00
Total		<u>\$ 1.00</u>

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

2 U. S. Dollars	Del. 129	\$ 2.00
2 Half Dollars	Del. 130	1.00
Total		<u>\$ 3.00</u>

June 3, 1891.

Assayer in Charge, U. S. Assay Office,
Charlotte, N. C.

Sir:

Your requisition for funds to meet the expenses of your institution during the month of June 1891, has been approved for the sum of \$226.60, payable from the following appropriations made for the support of your Office during the current fiscal year, viz:

Salaries, 1891, \$226.60

Very respectfully,
 E. W. Leach
 Director.

Similar letters except as here noted, to:

Sup't. U. S. Assay Office,
New York.

+ \$ 3330.95 +	+ +	+ +
Salaries, 1891,		\$1650.00
Wages of Workmen, 1891,		1200.00
Contingent Expenses, 1891,		480.95

Assayer in Charge, U. S. Assay Office,
Helena, Mont.

+ \$1284.10 +	+ +	+ +
Salaries, 1891,		\$602.60
Wages of Workmen, 1891,		681.50

*This amount represents the balance to your credit on account of Salaries. Advances previously made amount to \$7600.00 of which \$502.60 was repaid by your predecessor.

Assayer in Charge, U. S. Assay Office,
St. Louis, Mo.

+ \$477.87 +	+ +	+ +
Salaries, 1891,		\$288.40
Wages of Workmen, 1891,		\$189.47
Contingent Expenses, 1891,		\$0.00

*You have failed to note payment of \$12.53 for stationery furnished by the Department.

June 3, 1891

Sup't U. S. Assay Office
New York City.

Sir:

I have requested the Secretary of the Treasury to cause to be advanced you the sum of \$8000.⁰⁰ to meet the expenses of the refinery in connection with your institution during the present month payable from the appropriation for "Parting and refining Bullion."

Very respectfully,

E. O. Leach
 Director.

June 3^d, 1891.

Sup't U. S. Mint
New Orleans.

Sir:

Purchases of Silver Bullion under the provisions of the Act of July 14, 1890, have been made this day by the Secretary of the Treasury for delivery at your Mint of the following parties, at the rates and for the amounts respectively named, which you will receive and pay for by draft on the Assistant Treasurer at New York, payable in Treasury notes.

Boston & Colorado Smelting Company, 70,000 Ounces at \$0.9790

Respectfully yours,

E. O. Leach
 Director of the Mint.

Similar letter, except as follows, to:

Sup't U. S. Mint
Philadelphia.

Fourth National Bank 30,000 Ounces, at \$0.9790
 Clark Dodge & Co., 100,000 Ounces, at \$0.97875
 Handy & Harman, 20,000 Ounces, at \$0.97875

June 3, 1891.

Sup't, U. S. Mint,Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Sir:

Until further notice the purchasing rate of silver in lots of less than ten thousand ounces will be ninety-seven and one half cents, per ounce fine.

Respectfully yours,

E. O. Leach

Director of the Mint.

June 3, 1891

Telegram
ConfirmedSup't, U. S. Mint,San Francisco, Cal.

Receive from Selby, Smelting and Lead Company sixty thousand ounces silver at ninety-seven, forty-five one-hundredths cents per ounce fine and from Nevada Bank forty thousand ounces at ninety-seven, fifty one-hundredths cents.

E. O. Leach

Director, Mint.

June 3, 1891.

Telegram
ConfirmedClark Dodge & Co.,51 Wall Street, New York.

Your offer of one hundred thousand ounces at ninety-seven, seven-eighths cents, accepted. Other declined.

E. O. Leach, Director, Mint.

Similar telegram except as here noted, to:

Handy & Harman,24, Nassau Street, New York

+ + twenty thousand ounces + + + + + other declined

Telegram
Confirmed

Boston & Colorado Smelting Company,
Denver, Colorado,

June 3, 1891.

Your offer accepted.

E. O. Leech
Director, Mint.

Similar telegrams to:

Fourth National Bank,
New York.

Nevada Bank,
San Francisco, Cal.

Selby Smelting and Lead Company,
San Francisco, Cal.

Telegram
Confirmed

Consolidated Kansas City Smelting and Refining Company,
20 Nassau Street, New York.

June 3, 1891.

Your offer declined.

E. O. Leech
Director, Mint.

Similar telegrams to:

Messlage, Colgate & Company,
29 Wall Street, New York.

Zimmermann & Frohney,
11 Wall Street, New York.

American Exchange National Bank,
New York.

+ offers +

June 4, 1891.

Hon. O. L. Spaulding,Acting Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

Referring to circular letter of the 3rd inst. relative to distribution of Annual reports, I would say that there are two reports prepared annually by this Bureau - one, the regular fiscal report and the other a special report prepared under annual appropriations by Congress, on the production of the precious metals.

As the former, that is, of the regular fiscal report 14,000 copies are printed annually for distribution by this office, and of the latter report - on the production of the precious metals - 9,000 copies are printed by Joint Resolution of Congress; 4,000 for distribution by the House of Representatives, 2,000 by the Senate, and 3,000 for distribution by this office. These reports are sent as a rule to leading bankers and economists in the United States and Europe, to the large public libraries in the United States, to our diplomatic representatives abroad, and to such other persons as request copies.

In addition the report on the production of the precious metals is sent to metallurgists and refiners, in the United States, and to persons engaged in mining industries in this country, who furnish information for the report.

Very respectfully,

E. D. Leach
Director of the Mint.

June 4, 1891.

Hon. Charles Foster,Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that a transfer be made from the Bullion Fund of the U. S. Assay Office at St. Louis to that of the U. S. Mint at Philadelphia of the sum of Nineteen Thousand and Eighty ~~five~~ ^{19,063.77} Dollars in Gold Coin, and Two Hundred and Eighty-three ²²/₁₀₀ Dollars (\$253. ²²/₁₀₀) in Silver Coin, making a total of Nineteen Thousand Three Hundred and Forty-three ⁷⁷/₁₀₀ Dollars (\$19,343. ⁷⁷/₁₀₀), being the net value of Bullion heretofore forwarded by the Assayer in Charge of the United States Assay Office at St. Louis, as shown by Memorandum No. 141 dated June 1, 1891, of Gold Bullion deposited at said Mint.

Respectfully yours,
E. C. Leach
Director.

June 4, 1891.

Hon. Charles Foster,Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

I have to respectfully request that you will cause to be deposited in the Treasury of the United States in the name of S. C. Wright, Superintendent Mint, U. S. Carson City, Nevada, the sum of fifty thousand dollars [\$50,000] on account of profits on the coinage of Silver bullion, Act of July 14, 1890, and that the Bullion Fund of said Mint be increased by a transfer of this amount.

Respectfully yours,

E. O. Leech

Director of the Mint.

Similar letters, except as follows, to same address:

+ + + New Orleans, + +
 + Two hundred thousand dollars [\$200,000] + +

+ + + San Francisco, Cal.
 + + Five hundred thousand dollars [\$500,000] + +

+ + + Philadelphia, +
 + + Five hundred thousand dollars [\$500,000] + +

Supt. U. S. Mint

June 4, 1891.

Carson City, Nevada.

Sir:

I have this day requested the Secretary of the Treasury to cause the sum of Fifty thousand dollars [\$50,000], to be deposited in the Treasury in your name on account of the profits on the Coinage of silver bullion, Act of July 14, 1890, and that your Bullion Fund be increased by the transfer of the same amount.

Respectfully yours

E. O. Leech

Director of the Mint

Similar letter, except as here noted, to:

Supt. U. S. MintNew Orleans, La.

+ + Two hundred thousand dollars [\$200,000] + +

over

for "Similar" letter, see preceding pages

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

five hundred thousand dollars [\$500,000], + +
+ + + + + + +

Supt. U. S. Mint
San Francisco, Cal.

five hundred thousand dollars [\$500,000] + +
+ + + + + + +

Supt. U. S. Mint
Carson, Nev.

June 4, 1891

Sir:

The following coins reserved at your Mint during the month of May, 1891, and forwarded to the Bureau of the Mint for special assay, have been received, viz:

2 Eagles Del. #22	\$20.00
Total	<u>\$20.00</u>

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leach
Director of the Mint.

Similar letters, except as follows, to:

Supt. U. S. Mint
New Orleans, La.

+ June
2 S. S. Dollars, Del. 95- + \$ 2.00

over

Supr. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia, Pa.

2	Dimes	June Del. 131	\$.20
Total			<u>\$.20</u>

Supr. U. S. Mint
San Francisco, Cal.

2	Double Eagles	Del. 41	\$ 40.00
10	Dimes	" 82	1.00
Total			<u>\$ 41.00</u>

Telegram
Confirmed.

Supr. U. S. Mint
Carson City, Nevada.

June 4, 1891.

Invite bids for sweeps on hand and submit same
to this Bureau, with your recommendation.

E. O. Leach
Director, Mint.

Supr. U. S. Mint
New Orleans, La.

June 4, 1891.

Sir:

Referring to your communication of the 1st inst.,
enclosing a proposal of the Louisiana Electric
Light Co. to supply the Mint with necessary
fixtures for 260 incandescant lamps, I would
say that while I feel disposed to allow you the
very best facilities both in the matter of light
and apparatus for the business of the Mint
in view of the fact that it is the intention
of the Secretary of the Treasury of the Treasury
to discontinue the coinage of silver dollars

on the first proximo, which will necessarily reduce the business of your mint within a brief period of time. At a minimum I doubt the propriety of incurring this heavy expense at this time.

I return the communication of the Louisiana Electric Light Co. for your further consideration and if upon reflection in view of the statements which I have just made and which for the present will be considered confidential you should still think it wise to make this expenditure I will consider the matter at some subsequent time.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech
Director.

Sup't, U. S. Mint
Philadelphia, Pa.

June 4, 1891.

Sir:

According to Form 22 for the month of April you had on hand \$84,140.26 profits arising from the coinage of subsidiary silver.

I have to request that you will deposit \$80,000 of this sum immediately, and forward the certificate of deposit to this Bureau.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

Sup't, U. S. Mint
Philadelphia, Pa.

June 4, 1891.

Sir:

I return by express today a set of coins of

the United States which you were kind enough
to forward to this Bureau for my use.
Please acknowledge the receipt of them.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leach
Director.

June 4, 1891.
Assayer in Charge, U. S. Assay Office,
St. Louis, Mo.

Sir:

Deposit Memorandum No. 141, dated June 1,
1891, of Gold Bullion forwarded by you to the
United States Mint at Philadelphia, Shipment
No. 141 dated May 29, 1891, has been received
and examined at this Bureau, and the gross value
found to be \$19,401.⁶⁹/₁₀₀, Charges \$57.⁹⁰/₁₀₀, and
net value \$19,343.⁷⁹/₁₀₀. For the latter amount
a transfer has been requested from the
bullion fund of your Institution to that
of the United States Mint at Philadelphia.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leach
Director of the Mint.

June 4, 1891.
Assayer in Charge, U. S. Assay Office,
St. Louis, Mo.

Sir:

Your acceptance of the bid of the Phoenix
Manufacturing Company, of Taunton
Massachusetts, to furnish your office with the
following, supplied during the fiscal year ending
June 30, 1892, is approved.

2 Dozen No. 1 Black Lead Jackets at 50 cents each.

2 " " 8 " " Covers " 25 " " and

25 No. 12 Black Lead Stirrers at 35-cents each
The bid and bond are herewith returned for file
in your office.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leach,
Director of the Mint.

June 4, 1891.

Messrs. Dewey & Co.

No. 1220 Market St.

San Francisco, Cal.

Gentlemen:

Your bill of the 28th ultimo for subscription to
the Mining and Scientific Press for one year
to July 31, 1891, purchased for the use of
the Bureau of the Mint amounting to \$23.00
has been approved and referred to the proper
accounting officers of the Department for
examination and settlement.

In the course of ten days a draft for the
amount will probably be mailed you.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leach
Director.

June 4, 1891.

Ottomar Haubt, Esq.

28 Rue St. Georges,

Paris, France.

My dear Sir:

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your
letter of the 6th and 16th ult. with enclosure, and
to say that I have read your articles on monetary
matters in Italy, and the stock of gold and
silver in France, with interest and profit.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leach
Director of the Mint.

June 4, 1891.

Hon. Joseph Wheeler,
Wheeler, Ala.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your communication of the 2nd. inst. I would say that on page 41 of my last report you will find the coinage of each country, and on page 42 the production of gold and silver in each country.

I am unable to give you the amount used in the arts in each country.

Very respectfully,

E. C. Leech
Director of the Mint.

June 5, 1891.

Hon. Charles Foster,
Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that a transfer be made from the Bullion Fund of the U. S. Assay Office at Charlotte to that of the U. S. Mint at Philadelphia of the sum of Fourteen thousand Five Hundred and Fifty $\frac{56}{100}$ Dollars (\$14,550. $\frac{56}{100}$) in Gold Coin, and Thirty four $\frac{57}{100}$ Dollars (\$34. $\frac{57}{100}$) in Silver Coin, making a total of Fourteen thousand Five Hundred and Eighty five $\frac{113}{100}$ Dollars (\$14,585. $\frac{113}{100}$), being the net value of Bullion heretofore forwarded by the Assayer in charge of the United States Assay Office at Charlotte, as shown by Memorandum No. 5 dated June 2, 1891, of Gold Bullion deposited at said Mint.

Respectfully yours,

E. C. Leech, Director.

Three (3) similar letters except as here noted, to same address:

+	U. S. Assay Office at Helena	+	+	Philadelphia
---	------------------------------	---	---	--------------

+ + + Thirty-one Thousand, Four Hundred and
 Nineteen $\frac{7}{100}$ Dollars ($\$31,419.\frac{7}{100}$) in Gold Coin,
 and Six Hundred and Thirty six $\frac{05}{100}$ Dollars ($\$636.\frac{05}{100}$)
 in Silver Coin, making a total of Thirty-two Thousand
 and Fifty-five $\frac{82}{100}$ Dollars ($\$32,055.\frac{82}{100}$) + + +
 + + + Helena + + + No. 28 +
 + + + + + + +

+ + + St. Louis + + + + +
 + Ten Thousand and Fifty-seven $\frac{03}{100}$ Dollars ($\$10,057.\frac{03}{100}$)
 + + + One Hundred and Ninety-four $\frac{59}{100}$ Dollars
 ($\$194.\frac{59}{100}$) + + + + Ten Thousand Two Hundred
 and Fifty-two $\frac{42}{100}$ Dollars ($\$10,252.\frac{42}{100}$) + + +
 + + + St. Louis, + + + No. 142 + + + June 1,
 + + + + + + +

+ + + Mint at Denver, Colo. + + + + +
 + Nineteen Thousand Seven Hundred and
 Eighty one $\frac{0}{100}$ Dollars ($\$19,781.\frac{0}{100}$) + + + + +
 Two Hundred and Fifty-seven $\frac{42}{100}$ Dollars ($\$257.\frac{42}{100}$) +
 + Twenty Thousand Thirty-eight $\frac{73}{100}$ Dollars
 ($\$20,038.\frac{73}{100}$) + + + + Mint at Denver
 + + + No. 23 + June 3 + + + + +
 + + + + + + +

Telegram
 Confirmed

Supt. U. S. Mint
 Carson City, Nevada.

June 5, 1891.

Advance purchasing rate of silver is ninety-eight
 cents per ounce fine.

E. O. Leech,

Director, Mint.

Similar telegrams to:

Sup't. U. S. Mint,
New Orleans, La.

Sup't. U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sup't. U. S. Mint
Carson City, Nevada.

June 5, 1891.

Sir:

On the 25th of the current month you will telegraph this Bureau the amount of silver profits on hand approximately. Should you not have completed the coinage allotment at this date, you will estimate the profits on the amount still to be coined.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

Similar letters to:

Sup't. U. S. Mint,
New Orleans, La.

Sup't. U. S. Mint
San Francisco, Cal.

Assayer in Charge, U. S. Assay Office.
Charlotte.

June 5, 1891

Sir:

Deposit Memorandum No. 5, dated June 2, 1891, of Gold Bullion forwarded by you to the United States Mint, at Philadelphia, Shipment No. 5, dated May 29, 1881, has

been received and examined at this Bureau and the gross value found to be \$14,618⁷⁰/₁₀₀. Charges \$32⁶⁰/₁₀₀, and net value \$14,585¹⁰/₁₀₀. For the latter amount a transfer has been requested from the bullion fund of your Institution to that of the United States Mint at Philadelphia.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

Similar letters, except as here noted, to:

Assayer in Charge, U. S. Assay Office,
Helena, Mont.

+	+	No. 28	+	June 2, 1891	+	+	+	No. 28
+	May 25, 1891	+	+	+	+	\$32,135 ⁸⁶ / ₁₀₀	+	\$80 ⁰⁴ / ₁₀₀
+	+	+	+	<u>\$32,055⁸²/₁₀₀</u>	+	+	+	+

Assayer in Charge, U. S. Mint
Denver, Colo.

+	+	No. 23	+	June 3, 1891	+	+	+
No. 23	+	May 29, 1891	+	+	+	+	\$29,091 ⁰³ / ₁₀₀
+	\$52 ³⁰ / ₁₀₀	+	+	+	+	<u>\$20,038⁷³/₁₀₀</u>	+
+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+

Assayer in Charge, U. S. Assay Office,
St. Louis, Mo.

+	+	No. 142	+	June 1, 1891	+	+	+	No. 142
+	May 29, 1891	+	+	+	+	+	+	\$1,280 ¹⁴ / ₁₀₀
+	+	+	+	+	+	<u>\$10,252⁴²/₁₀₀</u>	+	+
+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+

The Assayer in Charge, U. S. Assay Office,
Charlotte, N. C.

Sir:

June 5, 1891

It will be very agreeable to me, and I think for the interest of the service, if the Bureau could be furnished with a Photograph of your institution, either mounted or otherwise. We have in the Bureau, adorning the walls of the Director's room, large photographs of the mints at San Francisco, New Orleans, and Carson City, and I would like, if possible, to have all the institutions.

You will understand that there is no fund from which this expense could be paid by the Government, and if it is done it must be voluntary on your part.

It had occurred to me that it might be a pleasant thing, and that you would desire to have your institution represented in the collection of institutions comprising the mint service, in the Director's office at Washington.

Of course you will consider this a mere suggestion on my part and do exactly as you think best in the matter.

It has been in my mind for some time to make this suggestion to the officers in charge of the various institutions which are not represented in this Bureau.

E. O. Leech
Director.

Similar letters sent to:

Assayer in Charge, U. S. Mint,
Denver, Col.

Assayer, in Charge, U. S. Assay Office,
Helena, Montana,

Sup't, U. S. Assay Office,
New York.

over

Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia, Pa.

Similar letter, with following insertion, sent to:

Assayer in charge U. S. Assay Office,
Boise City,

and Carson City, also one of your Office, but it is a winter scene and does not fairly depict the beautiful grounds surrounding your institution. I think a summer scene would be preferable. I would like if possible to have photographs of all the institutions.

June 5, 1891.

Assayer in Charge,
U. S. Mint, Denver, Colo.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your Ordinary Expense Account with Abstracts and Vouchers, for the month ending May 31st, 1891.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech
Director.

Similar letter to:

Assayer in charge, U. S. Assay Office,
St. Louis, Mo.

June 5, 1891.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
New Orleans, La.

Sir:

The following coins, received at your Mint

during the month of June, 1891, and forwarded to the Bureau of the Mint for special assay, have been received, viz:

2 U. S. Dollars Del. '96	\$ 2.00
Total	<u>\$ 2.00</u>

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston
Actg. Director of the Mint.

Similar letter, except as follows, to:

Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia, Pa.

2 U. S. Dollars Del. 182	\$ 2.00
2 Dimes " 133	.20
Total	<u>\$ 2.20</u>

June 5, 1891.

Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Purchases of silver bullion under the provisions of the Act of July 14, 1890, have been made this day, by the Secretary of the Treasury, for delivery at your Mint of the following parties, at the rates and for the amounts respectively named, which you will receive and pay for by draft on the Assistant Treasurer at New York in Treasury Notes:

Clark Dodge & Co. 100,000 Ounces	at \$ 0.9810
Cons. Paper, City S. & R. Co. 25,600 Ounces	at \$ 0.9810
Messlage, Colgate & Co. 30,000 Ounces	at \$ 0.9808
Bimmermann & Forshay 50,000 Ounces	at \$ 0.9810
Handy & Harman 150,000 Ounces	at \$ 0.9810
American Exchange National Bank, 20,000 Ounces	at \$ 0.9789

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

June 5, 1891.

Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

On the 25th of the current month you will please furnish me by mail with a statement of the silver profits on hand at that date, approximately. Should the coinage for the month not have been completed at this time, you will estimate the profits that will accrue on the silver still to be coined.

Respectfully yours,
 E. O. Leech
 Director of the Mint.

June 5, 1891

Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Until further notice, purchasing rate of silver in lots of less than ten thousand ounces will be ninety-eight cents per ounce fine.

Respectfully yours,
 E. O. Leech
 Director of the Mint.

June 5, 1891.

Telegram
 Confirmed Supt. U. S. Mint
San Francisco, Cal.

Receive from Selby Smelting and Lead Company fifty thousand ounces silver at ninety-seven, ninety-five hundredths cents per ounce fine.

E. O. Leech
 Director, Mint.

Telegram

Confirmed

Clark Dodge & Co.57, Wall Street, New York.

June 5, 1891.

Your offer of one hundred thousand ounces at ninety-eight, one tenth, cents, accepted. Other declined.

E. O. Leach,

Director, Mint.

Similar telegrams, except as follows, to:

Zimmerman & Forshay11 Wall Street, New York.

+ + + fifty thousand ounces +
+ + + + +

Handy & Harman24 Nassau Street, New York.

+ + one hundred and fifty thousand + +
+ + + Others + + +

Telegram
ConfirmedHeidelbach, Loxelheimer & Co.New York.

June 5, 1891.

Your offer declined

E. O. Leach,

Director, Mint.

Similar telegrams to:

J. & S. WormserNew York.Fourth National Bank,New York.

+ offers + + + + +

Telegram
Confirmed

American Exchange National Bank.
New York.

June 5, 1891.

Your offer accepted.

E. O. Leech
Director, Mint.

Similar telegrams to:

Consolidated Kansas City Smelting and Refining Company
20, Nassau Street, New York.

Selly Smelting and Lead Company,
San Francisco, Cal.

Hesslage, Colgate & Co.
29 Wall Street, New York.

Hon. Charles Foster

June 6, 1891.

Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that you will cause to be deposited in the Treasury of the United States in the name of O. C. Bosbyshell, Superintendent Mint, U. S. Philadelphia, the sum of eighty thousand dollars [80,000] on account of profits on the coinage of subsidiary silver coin, and that the Bullion Fund of said Mint be increased by a transfer of this amount.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston

Acting Director of the Mint.

June 6, 1891.

Sup't. U. S. Mint,Carson City, Nev.

Sir:

I transmit herewith the Assayer's report upon assay, coins taken from the first and two subsequent deliveries in each week at your Mint during the month of May, 1891, and forwarded for test as required by the Regulations. The coins were found to be within the legal limits of tolerance.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston
Acting Director of the Mint.

Similar letters to:

Sup't. U. S. Mint,San Francisco, Cal.Sup't. U. S. Mint,New Orleans, La.

+	+	+	+	+
+	June	+	+	+

Sup't. U. S. Mint,Philadelphia, Pa.

+	+	+	+
+	June	+	+

June 6, 1891.

Assayer in Charge U. S. Assay Office,Charlotte, N. C.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your Ordinary Expense Account, with Abstracts and

Vouchers for the month ending May 31, 1891.

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston
Acting Director.

June 6th, 1891.

Sup't. U. S. Mint.
New Orleans, La.

Sir:

The following coins, reserved at your Mint during the month of June, 1891, and forwarded to the Bureau of the Mint for special assay, have been received viz:

2 S. S. Dollars	Del. 97	\$ 2.00
Total		<u>\$ 2.00</u>

Respectfully yours,

R. E. Preston
Acting Director of the Mint

Similar letter except as here noted, to:

Sup't. U. S. Mint.
Philadelphia, Pa.

2 S. S. Dollars	Del. 134	\$ 2.00
Total		<u>\$ 2.00</u>

Sup't. U. S. Mint.
New Orleans, La.

June 6th, 1891

Sir:

I have this day requested the Secretary of the Treasury to cause to be advanced from the sum of \$6000, from the appropriation for the "Coinage of Silver Bullion" Act July 14, 1890, to meet in part, the expense of that

coinage at your Mint, during the current month. It is to be understood that this advance will be used only after your regular appropriations for wages of workmen and contingent expenses are exhausted.

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston
Acting Director.

June 6, 1891.

Supt. U. S. Mint
New Orleans, La.

Sir:

Your requisition for funds to meet the expenses of your institution during the month of June 1891, has been approved for the sum of \$7,123.68 payable from the following appropriations made for the support of your Mint, during the current fiscal year, viz:

Salaries 1891,	\$ 950.00
Wages of Workmen 1891,	2963.68
Contingent Expenses 1891,	3210.00

This leaves to your credit a balance of \$4.65. Why was not the whole amount withdrawn?

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston
Acting Director.

June 6, 1891.

Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 5th instant in reference to depositing the profits on the coinage of subsidiary silver I have to

inform you that I have this day requested the Secretary of the Treasury to cause the sum of eighty thousand dollars [80,000] to be deposited in the Treasury of the United States in your name, on account of such profits, and that your Bullion Fund be increased by a transfer of the same amount.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston
Acting Director of the Mint

June 6, 1891

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Referring to your letter in reference to the amount of profits on the coinage of silver Bullion on hand, I have to inform you that I have withdrawn my letter of the 4th inst. to the Secretary of the Treasury, requesting him to cause the sum of five hundred thousand dollars [500,000.] to be deposited in the Treasury on account of such profits, and your Bullion Fund increased by the transfer of the same amount. Therefore, the deposit will not be made.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston
Acting Director of the Mint

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

June 6, 1891.

Sir:

Referring to the pay rolls accompanying your Ordinary Account for the month of May, I notice that E. C. Carter, Night Watchman,

is credited with twenty-five days pay for the month of April. The records of this Bureau show this man to have been appointed on the 2nd of April, and as having subscribed to the official oath on the 5th, from which date his pay should commence.

Please explain whether this is a clerical error, or whether the man was on duty from the 2nd of the month.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Acting Director of the Mint.

June 8, 1891.

Assayer in Charge, U. S. Mint,
Denver, Colo.

Sir:

The Official bond of Hezekiah Storms as Janitor of your Mint was approved by the Acting Secretary of the Treasury on the 4th instant and has been referred to the office of the First Comptroller for file.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director.

Assayer in Charge, U. S. Assay Office,
Helena, Mon.

June 8, 1891.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your Ordinary Expense Account, with Abstracts and Vouchers, for the month ending May 31, 1891.

Very respectfully
E. O. Leech
Director.

June 8, 1891.

Supt. U. S. Mint
New Orleans, La.

My dear Doctor:

Yours of the 4th inst. relative to the expenses of the mint at New Orleans, has been received.

I need hardly say to you that your administration of the affairs of the mint has been entirely satisfactory to me, and that I am conscious that you exercise proper economy in every direction. I telegraphed you as I did being the same telegram sent to all of the mints, for the reason that the balance in the Treasury, as shown by the daily statements, is rather low, and I thought if you needed to pay any of the expenses of this year after the 30th of June that is, if the bills would not be rendered until July or August, you could draw for that amount later.

Full instructions will be given you in regard to coinage matters as soon as the Secretary has finally decided what he will do after the first of July.

Very respectfully,

E. O. Leech
 Director.

Supt. U. S. Mint
New Orleans, La.

June 8, 1891.

Sir:

Referring to your requisition of the 3rd instant for books and blanks for six months ending Dec. 31, 1891, you are informed that the Department does not

furnish the memorandum books called for in your requisitions and you are instructed to purchase the same in your city.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

June 8th 1891.

Supt. U. S. Mint
New Orleans.

Sir:

Purchases of Silver Bullion under the provision of the Act of July 14, 1890, have been made this day by the Secretary of the Treasury, for delivery at your Mint, to the following parties, at the rates and for the amounts respectively named which you will receive and pay for by draft on the Assistant Treasurer at New York payable in Treasury notes:

Boston & Colorado Smelting Company, 75000 Ounces, at \$0.9800

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

Similar letter, except as follows, to:

Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia.

Clark Dodge & Co.,	100,000 Ounces, at \$0.9800
North National Bank,	24,000 Ounces, at \$0.9798
Consol. Kansas City S. & K. Co.,	43,500 Ounces, at \$0.97875
Consol. Kansas City S. & K. Co.,	20,000 Ounces, at \$0.9795
Handy & Harman,	20,000 Ounces, at \$0.9795
Handy & Harman,	200,000 Ounces, at \$0.9798
American Exchange National Bank,	50,000 Ounces, at \$0.9799

June 8, 1891.

Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I have to call your attention to an error in the pay roll of the Coiners Department of your Mint for the month of April. The pay of Samuel R. Russel amounts to \$110.50 but the pay roll shows him to have received for July \$110.00. The footing of the column includes the additional fifty cents, so I infer there has been a clerical error in transcribing. If this is the case, I will thank you to forward a loose receipt covering the proper amount paid him.

Respectfully yours,

E. O. Leech
 Director of the Mint.

June 8, 1891

Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I will thank you to inform me whether you have concluded the arrangement with the Scovell Manufacturing Company to exchange the old minor coinage metal for one cent and five cent nickel planchets, as authorized in my letter of the 26th ultimo.

Respectfully yours,

E. O. Leech
 Director of the Mint.

June 8th, 1891.Supt. U. S. Mint,San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

I have requested the Secretary of the Treasury to cause to be advanced you the sum of \$8500.⁰⁰, to meet the expenses of the refinery in connection with your institution during the present month, payable from the appropriation for "Parting and refining bullion".

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech
Director.

June 8th, 1891.Supt. U. S. Mint,San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

Your requisition for funds to meet the expenses of your institution during the Month of June, 1891, has been approved for the sum of \$7600.⁰⁰ payable from the following appropriations made for the support of your Mint, during the current fiscal year, viz:

Salaries	1891	\$ 1,600
----------	------	----------

Wages of Workmen	1891	5,500
------------------	------	-------

Contingent Expenses	1891	500
---------------------	------	-----

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech
Director

June 8th, 1891.

Supt. U. S. Mint
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

The following coins reserved at your Mint during the month of May, 1891, and forwarded to the Bureau of the Mint for special assay, have been received, viz:

2 Double Eagles	Del. 42	\$ 40.00
Total		\$ 40.00

Respectfully yours,

E. O. Leech
 Director of the Mint.

June 8th, 1891.

Supt. U. S. Mint
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

I have today requested the Secretary of the Treasury to cause to be advanced from the sum of \$10,000 from the appropriation for the "coinage of Silver Bullion" Act July 14, 1890 to meet, in part, the expenses of your Mint on account of that coinage during the current month. It is to be understood that this advance will be used to supplement your regular appropriations and only after the same are exhausted.

Respectfully yours,

E. O. Leech
 Director.

June 8, 1891.

Hon Whitelaw Reid,Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary,
Paris, France.

Sir:

Your esteemed favor of the 22nd ult., transmitting, in response to the circular letter from the Department of State, the information relative to coinage, production and movement of the precious metals in France during the calendar year 1890 has been received, and I beg to express the thanks of this Bureau for the same.

I would say that six copies of each report issued from this Bureau was sent to your Legation for such distribution as you may think proper. If a larger number is desired they will be furnished.

Very respectfully,

E. W. Leach
Director of the Mint.

June 8, 1891.

W. Sauerbeck, Esq.,3 & 4 Moorgate St. Building, E. C.
London, England.

Dear Sir:

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your esteemed favor of the 26th ultimo, and to thank you for the very valuable statistics which you so kindly furnished.

Due credit will be given you for them in the report of this Bureau for the next fiscal year.

Very respectfully,

E. W. Leach, Director of the Mint.

June 8, 1891.

Hon. O. B. Turrell
Redwood Falls, Minn.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 28th ult., addressed to Hon. John Jay Know which he has requested me to answer, I forward to you today a copy of the last fiscal report of this bureau and a copy of the last report on the production of the precious metals. In reply to the interrogatories contained in your letter I would say:

1. The production of silver in the United States during the calendar year 1890, from our own mines, was 54,500,000 fine ounces.

2. The value of the silver contained in the standard silver dollar of the United States at the present market price of silver is \$0.75.6.

3. The value of the pure gold contained in the gold dollar is exactly \$1.00.

4. The present silver coins of the United States of smaller denominations than one dollar, are a legal tender for \$10.00

Very respectfully,
 E. F. O. Leech
 Director.

June 8, 1891

Telegram Clark, Dodge & Co.
 Confirmed 51, Wall Street, New York.

Your offer of one hundred thousand ounces at ninety-eight cents, accepted. Offer declined.

E. O. Leech, Director, Mint.

Telegram Handy & Harman,
24, Nassau Street, New York.

June 8, 1891.

Confirmed

Your offer of twenty-thousand ounces at ninety-seven ^{ninety-five} one-hundredths cents, and two-hundred thousand at ninety-seven, ninety-eight one-hundredths cents, accepted. Other dealings.

E. O. Leech

Director, Mint.

Telegram

Confirmed

American Exchange National Bank,
New York.

June 8, 1891.

Your offer accepted.

E. O. Leech

Director, Mint.

Similar telegrams sent to:

Fourth National Bank,
New York.

Boston & Colorado Smelting Company,
Denver Colo.

Kansas City Smelting and Refining Company,
20 Nassau Street, New York.

+ + offers +

Telegram Anglo-California Bank,
Confirmed San Francisco, Cal.

June 8, 1891.

Your offer declined.
E. O. Leech,
Director, Mint.

Similar telegrams to:

Heidelberg, Leikheimer & Co.
New York.

Zimmermann & Forshay,
11 Wall Street, New York.

Selly Smelting and Lead Company,
San Francisco, Cal.

+ Offers +

L. & S. Wormser
New York.

First Auditor,
Treasury Department.

June 9, 1891.

Sir:

I transmit herewith for examination and settlement the Ordinary expense accounts of the Assayers in charge of the U. S. Assay Offices at Charlotte, Helena & St. Louis for the month ending May 31, 1891, rendered to me for the purpose of adjustment as required by law.

Very respectfully,

E. O. Leech

Director of the Mint.

Similar letter except as follows, to same address:

Account + , Assayer in charge of the U. S.
Mint at Denver, Colo. + + +

June 9th, 1891.

Supt. U. S. Mint
Carson, Nev.

Sir:

I have to day requested the Secretary of the Treasury to cause to be advanced you the sum of \$4000. from the appropriation for the "Coinage of Silver Bullion" Act - July 14th 1890, to meet, in part, the expense of that coinage at your Mint during the current month. It is to be understood that all moneys advanced you from the regular appropriations of your Mint must first be exhausted before any of this advance is used.

Respectfully yours,
E. A. Leach
Director.

Superintendent U. S. Mint
Carson City, Nevada.

June 9, 1891.

Sir:

As soon after the close of the current fiscal year as practicable you will please prepare and forward a statement showing by months the amount of silver delivered upon purchases at your Mint, similar to statement on page 159 of my last fiscal report. You will also make up and forward a statement showing the quantity and cost of silver used in the coinage of silver dollars

wasted and sold in sweeps at your Mint each month, similar to the table on pages 160 and 161 of my fiscal report. I have further to request that you will make a statement showing the amount delivered on Treasury and local purchases, partings, bar charges and fractions, separately.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leach
Director of the Mint.

Similar letters to:

Supt. U. S. Mint,
New Orleans, La.

Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia, Pa.

Supt. U. S. Mint
San Francisco, Cal.

June 9, 1891.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Carson, Nev.

Sir:

I have requested the Secretary of the Treasury to cause to be advanced you the sum of \$3000.⁰⁰ to meet the expenses of the refinery in connection with your institution during the present month, payable from the appropriation for "Parting and refining bullion."

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leach
Director.

Similar letter, except as here noted, to:

Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia, Pa.

\$1000

June 9th, 1891.

Supt. U. S. Mint
Carson, Nev.

Sir:

Your requisition for funds to meet the expense of your institution during the Month of June, 1891, has been approved for the sum of \$4964.56, payable from the following appropriations made for the support of your Mint during the current fiscal year, viz:

Salaries,	1891,	\$ 2050.00
Wages of Workmen,	1891,	2414.56
Contingent Expenses,	1891,	<u>500.00</u>

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech
Director.

Similar letters, except as follows, to:

Assayer in Charge, U. S. Mint
Denver, Colo.

		\$1000.00	
Salaries	1891,	\$ 450.	
Wages of Workmen	1891,	550.	
Contingent Expenses	1891,	<u>200</u>	

Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia, Pa.

		\$28,406.88	
Salaries	1891,	\$ 1864.56	
Wages of Workmen	1891,	<u>26542.32</u>	

June 9, 1891

Assayer in Charge, U. S. Assay Office,
Charlotte, N. C.

Sir:

I have examined and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement your Ordinary expense account for the month ending May 31st, 1891, with my approval.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech

Director.

Similar letters to:

Assayer in Charge, U. S. Mint,
Denver, Colo.

Assayer in Charge, U. S. Assay Office,
Helena, Mont.

Assayer in Charge, U. S. Assay Office,
St. Louis, Mo.

June 9, 1891.

Telegram Assayer in Charge, U. S. Assay Office,
Helena, Montana.

Funds were placed to your credit by telegraph with Depository. You can draw against same without waiting for advice of credit by mail.

E. O. Leech

Director, Mint

1891
Supt. U. S. Assay Office
New York City.

June 9, 1891.

Sir:

I will thank you to prepare an invoice of gold bullion, approximating three million dollars [\$3,000,000], as closely as practicable, with a view to its transfer to the Mint at Philadelphia. As soon as you have prepared the invoice you will forward a statement of the value of the same to this Bureau, in order that I may ask for its transfer in regular manner. It is desirable that this bullion should be shipped from your office on the 29th or 30th of June.

Respectfully yours

E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

Supt. U. S. Assay Office,
New York.

June 9th, 1891.

Sir:

C. O. No. 560 for \$3,301.⁴⁵ being on account of sale of By-products during Qr. end'g June 30, 1891, inclosed in your communication of the 8th inst, has been received, properly indorsed, and forwarded to the Secretary of the Treasury, personal credit to be given you in your Bullion account, and the amount to be covered into the Treasury as a miscellaneous receipt.

Respectfully yours
E. O. Leech
Director.

Similar letter, except as here noted, to same address:
C. O. No. 561 for \$13,000.⁰⁰, + + + Parting
+ Refining Chgs. + + + + + the

credit of the appropriation for Parting and
Refining Bullion.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director,

June 9, 1891.

Sub. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

In approving your requisition for funds for the month of June I have advanced you the full amount to the credit of the appropriation for wages of workmen. This, with the balance of \$4,591.50 on hand, makes \$30,623.42 or something over \$3,000 less than your pay roll for the month of April.

You will use all of this sum in the payment of wages, before using any portion of the amount advanced you from the appropriation for coinage of Silver Dollars, and you will use of that appropriation enough to pay the deficiency in the June wages.

I find that you have in the Treasury to your credit of the appropriation for Contingent Expenses the sum of \$7,830.36, and that you have a balance on hand of \$9,397.42 making a total of \$17,227.78.

I would suggest that you make requisition for \$7,500 of the balance in the Treasury to the credit of your Contingent appropriation or as much thereof as you think you will need for the Expenses of the present year, and that you deposit in the Treasury the sum of \$9,215.75, the money advanced you from the appropriation for the coinage of

Silver bullion less the amount which will be required to be used from that appropriation is complete your wages for the current month. I think you could safely deposit at once \$6,000 of that amount.

The idea is to exhaust your regular appropriations as nearly as the expenses of the mint require before using any portion of the appropriation for the coinage of silver dollars.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech
Director.

Supt. U. S. Mint

June 9, 1891.

Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Sir:

As soon after the close of the fiscal year as practicable I will thank you to forward a statement of the minor coinage & metals transferred for recoinage during the fiscal year 1890, similar to statement on page 20 of my last annual report; and also statement of the several denominations of minor coins transferred for recoinage, as well as a statement showing distribution of the minor coins during the fiscal year.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

June 9, 1891.

Telegram
Confirmed

Supt. U. S. Mint

Philadelphia, Pa.

What is the matter with the coinage of dimes?

only fifty-six thousand dollars reported so far this month. Cannot you give us one-hundred thousand dollars in dimes this week without fail? Please explain by mail what occasions the delay in this coinage. Department is badly pressed for dimes, and delay is ascribed to our mint.

E. O. Leech
Director, Mint.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

June 9th, 1891.

Sir:

The following coins, reserved at your mint during the month of June, 1891, and forwarded to the Bureau of the Mint for special assay, have been received viz:

2 U. S. Dollars Del. #85	\$ 2.00
Total	<u>\$ 2.00</u>

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

June 9, 1891.

Sir:

The following blank forms for official use have been mailed you this day, viz:

6 Registers of Deposit
Form No. 188 B.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech
Director.

Supt. U.S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

June 7, 1891.

Sir:

Referring to your requisition for blank books, forms and stationery, I have to state that the Department does not furnish Memorandum books and you are instructed to purchase twenty-five (25) dozen, assorted sizes, in your city.

I fail to find samples of letter paper and printed envelopes, which I will thank you to forward as early as practicable.

Respectfully yours,
E. C. Leech,
Director of the Mint.

E. H. Neliker, Esq.
Treasurer of the United States.

June 10, 1891.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of delay, advising me of the shipment of \$50,000 in mement silver coin to the mint at Philadelphia with the request that the same be coined into dimes I would say that I have to-day instructed the Superintendent of the Mint at Philadelphia to coin this mement silver into dimes at the earliest practicable moment, and in advance of all other coinage.

For your information I enclose a copy of a letter received to-day from the Superintendent of the mint at Philadelphia, showing the amount of subsidiary coinage in dimes which has been executed during the present month, and some other facts in connection

therewith which may be of interest to you.

Very respectfully,

E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint

June 10, 1891.

Hon. Charles Foster,

Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that a transfer be made from the Bullion Fund of the U. S. Assay Office at Boise City to that of the U. S. Mint at Philadelphia, of the sum of Thirty Thousand and Seventeen $\frac{72}{100}$ Dollars (\$30,017 $\frac{72}{100}$) in Gold Coin, and Three Hundred and Sixty-one $\frac{53}{100}$ Dollars (\$361 $\frac{53}{100}$) in Silver Coin, making a total of Thirty Thousand Three Hundred and Seventy-nine $\frac{52}{100}$ Dollars (\$30,379 $\frac{52}{100}$) being the net value of Bullion heretofore forwarded by the Assayer in charge of the United States Mint at Philadelphia, as shown by Memorandum No. 23 dated June 5, 1891, of Gold Bullion deposited at said 'Mint'.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director.

Hon. Charles Foster

Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that the Bullion Fund of the United States Assay Office at Helena be increased in the sum of One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000.) by a transfer of that amount in

June 10, 1891.

lawful money, and that the same be placed to the credit of the Assayer in Charge of said institution with the Merchants National Bank at Helena, Mont.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

June 10, 1891.
Assayer in Charge, U. S. Assay Office,
Boise City Idaho.

Sir:

Deposit Memorandum No. 23, dated June 5, 1891, of Gold Bullion forwarded by you to the United States Mint at Philadelphia, Shipment No. 23 dated May 29, 1891, has been received and examined at this Bureau, and the gross value found to be \$30,457 $\frac{85}{100}$, charged \$78 $\frac{33}{100}$, and net value \$30,379 $\frac{52}{100}$. For the latter amount a transfer has been requested from the bullion fund of your Institution to that of the United States Mint at Philadelphia.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

June 10, 1891.
Supt. U. S. Mint,
Carson.

Sir:

Requisition has this day been made upon the Printer for blank books and forms for six months ending Dec. 31, 1891, and as requested in your letter of the 4th instant copies will be mailed you as soon as

received.

Very respectfully 'E. O. Leech,
Director.

June 10, 1891

Supt. U. S. Mint
Carson City, Nev.

Sir:

I transmit herewith the Assayer's report upon assay coins taken from the first and two subsequent deliveries in each week at your Mint during the Month of April and May, 1891, and forwarded for test as prescribed by the Regulations.

The coins were found to be within the legal limits of tolerance.

Respectfully yours

E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

Similar letter to:

Supt. U. S. Mint
San Francisco, Cal.

+	+	+	+
May, 1891	+	+	+

Assayer, U. S. Mint
Denver, Colo.

June 10, 1891.

Sir:

Referring to your requisition for stationery for six months ending Dec 31, 1891. I would state that no sample envelopes (No. 9 + 9½) were enclosed.

Please forward the samples promptly.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

Assayer, U. S. Assay Office,
Helena, Mont.

June 10, 1891.

Sir:

I have requested that the Bullion Fund of your institution be increased by a transfer of One Hundred Thousand Dollars, (\$100,000) and that the same be placed to your credit with the Merchants National Bank Helena.

Respectfully yours
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

Supt., U. S. Mint,
New Orleans, La.

June 10, 1891.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 8th instant, explaining your reason for having a balance of \$4.65 in your appropriation for Contingent Expenses, fiscal year, 1891, I have to say that the bills to which you refer were paid from your appropriation for 1890, as will be seen by reference to the three letters of advice, from this Bureau, bearing date November 3, 1890. It is not important, however, that you should draw for this small amount, but it will be necessary for you to correct the error by entering the amount of the bills against the proper appropriation.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

June 10, 1891.

Supt. U. S. Assay Office,
New York City.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your Ordinary and Refinery Expense Accounts, with Abstracts and Vouchers, for the Month ending May 31, 1891.

Very respectfully,
 E. O. Leech
 Director.

June 10, 1891.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia.

Sir:

Purchases of Silver Bullion under the provisions of the Act of July 14, 1890, have been made this day by the Secretary of the Treasury, for delivery at your Mint of the following parties at the rates and for the amounts respectively named, which you will receive and pay for by draft on the Assistant Treasurer at New York, payable in Treasury notes:

Fourth National Bank 33,000 Ounces, at \$0.9810

Haudy & Harman 25,000 Ounces, at \$0.98125

Haudy & Harman 45,000 Ounces, at \$0.9815

Respectfully yours,

E. O. Leech
 Director of the Mint.

June 10, 1891.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

The following coins, reserved at your Mint

during the month of June 1891, and forwarded to the Bureau of the Mint for special assay, have been received, viz:

2 Dimes, Del. 135-	\$.20
Total	<u>\$.20</u>

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

Similar letter except as here noted, to:

Supt. U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

2 U. S. Dollars Del. 84	\$ 2.00
Total	<u>\$ 2.00</u>

June 10, 1891.
Supt. U. S. Mint
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

I do not find enclosed in your requisition for Stationery for six months ending Dec. 31, 1891, samples of headed letter paper for typewriter, letter paper indorsed half sheets, note paper headed half sheets, envelopes No. 9 and manilla bags.

Please forward the samples as soon as practicable.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

Hon. John Wanamaker,
Postmaster General.

June 10, 1891.

Sir:

I have the honor to enclose herewith a copy of a circular letter which you were kind enough to sign last Fall, for the purpose of assisting the Superintendent of the Mint at San Francisco in collecting the Statistics of the production of the Precious Metals in the United States, with the request that the same be returned to this Bureau with authority to change the date to 1891, so as to make this circular applicable to the present calendar year.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

W. K. Bush Brown,
Newburgh, N. Y.

June 10, 1891.

Sir:

Replying to your communication of the 7th inst., relative to your design for the obverse of the Silver dollar, I would say that owing to the fact that it did not contain your name it was impossible to know to whom the box belonged. However, the model has been forwarded to you today by Express.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

June 10, 1891.

Telegram
ConfirmedHandy H. Harman,
24, Nassau Street, New York.

Your offers of twenty-five thousand ounces at ninety-eight, one eighth, cents and forty-five thousand ounces at ninety-eight, fifteen hundredths cents accepted. Others declined.
E. O. Leech, Director Mint.

Telegram
ConfirmedFourth National Bank,
New York.

June 10, 1891.

Your offer of thirty-three thousand ounces at ninety-eight, ten, accepted. Other declined.
E. O. Leech, Director Mint.

Telegram
ConfirmedAmerican Exchange National Bank,
New York.

June 10, 1891.

Your offer declined.
E. O. Leech, Director Mint.
Similar telegrams to:

Zimmerman & Brohay,11 Wall Street, New York.

Anglo-California Bank,
San Francisco, Cal.

L. & S. Hornsby,
New York.

Clark Dodge & Co.,
51 Wall Street, New York.
+ Offers ~

Moore & Schley,
80, Broadway, New York.
+ Offers +

June 10, 1891.

First Auditor
Treasury Dept.

Sir:

I transmit herewith, for examination and settlement the Bullion accounts of the Superintendent of the U. S. Mint at San Francisco, Cal., for the Quarter ending Mch. 31, 1891, rendered to me for the purpose of adjustment as required by law.

Very respectfully,

E. O. Leech,
 Director of the Mint.

Similar letter except as follows, to same address:

Ordinary and Refinery expense accounts	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Superintendent	+	+	U. S. Assay Office at				
New York	+	+	month	+	May 31	+	+
-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+

Assayer in Charge, U. S. Assay Office,
Boise, Idaho.

June 11, 1891

Sir:

Your requisition for funds to meet the expenses of your institution during the Month of June, 1891, has been approved for the sum of \$523.70 payable from the following appropriations made for the support of your Office during the fiscal year, viz:

Salaries	1891	\$263.70
Wages of Workmen,	1891	} \$260.00
Contingent Expenses,	1891	

*This leaves a credit of \$25.92 in this appropriation, but if you know of any considerable outstanding freight bills that this amount will not pay, I will thank

you to return a portion of this advance if it can be spared.
Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech, Director.

Assayer in Charge, U. S. Assay Office,
Boise, Idaho. June 11, 1891.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your Ordinary
Expense Account, with Abstracts and Vouchers,
for the month ending May 31, 1891.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech
Director.

Similar letters, except as follows, to:

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Carson, Nev.

Ordinary, Refinery and Coinage of Silver Bullion Expense	+	+	+	+	+
Accounts	+	+	+	Month	May 31,
	+	+	+	+	+

Supt. U. S. Assay Office,
New York.

Bullion Accounts	+	+	+	+	+
March 31,	+	+	+	Quarter	+
	+	+	+	+	+

Supt. U. S. Assay Office,
New York City. June 11, 1891.

Sir:

I have examined and referred to the proper
accounting officers of the Department for
examination and settlement, your Ordinary

and Refinery Expense accounts, for the month ending May 31, 1891, with my approval.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leach
Director.

Similar letter, except as follows, to:

Supt. U. S. Mint
San Francisco, Cal.

+ Bullion accounts + + Quarter + March 31
+ + + except errors in parting charges
of 40¢ in payment of Gold deposit \$240. Assay #3857
+ 10¢ in payment of Gold deposit #2481 Assay #4565.
(total .50¢) which I recommend be disallowed.

June 11, 1891.

Supt. U. S. Mint
New Orleans, La.

Sir:

I transmit herewith the account of the United States Express Company for the transportation of \$3495-533 trade dollar bullion from New York to your Mint, amounting to \$9,355-30, which sum you will pay from your Silver Profit Fund by forwarding a draft on New York in favor of the Express Company, under cover of this Bureau.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leach
Director of the Mint.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
New Orleans, La.

June 11, 1891

Sir:

The following coins, reserved at your Mint during the month of June 1891 and forwarded to the Bureau of the Mint for Special Assay, have been received, viz:

2 S. S. Dollars	Del. 101	\$ 2.00
Total		<u>\$ 2.00</u>

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leach
Director of the Mint.

Similar letters, except as follows, to:

Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia, Pa.

2 Quarter Dollars,	Del. 186	\$.50
Total		<u>\$.50</u>

Supt. U. S. Mint
San Francisco, Cal.

2 S. S. Dollars,	Del. 85	\$ 2.00
Total		<u>\$ 2.00</u>

Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia, Pa.

June 11, 1891.

My dear Colonel:

I would suggest the advisability of having our force of Mint experts in the engraving department prepare, under your supervision

suitable designs for the half-dollar, quarter-dollar, and dime. These designs can be prepared first in the form of sketches and afterwards in the form of models, or in the form of models in plaster in the first instance if you think best.

My idea of the face of the coin is that it should be a Liberty Head, somewhat like that on the five-franc piece of France, which is a typical Liberty Head. Of course it would not be necessary to make an exact copy of that head, but I prefer that to anything I have seen.

For the reverse I have no objection to the present eagle. At any rate, I wish the shield on its breast, or on its talons, preserved.

I submit the matter to you for consideration and for conference with the engraver, and I think it would reflect credit upon our service if we were to show the public that we have sufficient talent in our own service to prepare suitable designs for our coins when the great public have failed to do so.

You will please understand that the coins which at present I desire to change are the half-dollar, quarter-dollar and dime.

I have no special objection to the present reverse of the half-dollar or quarter-dollar and especially the reverse of the dime, which I consider very pretty as it is.

The reverse of the half-dollar and quarter-dollar might be improved slightly without any material change in the eagle.

Whatever is prepared at your mint I will submit to the Secretary for his consideration.

Very respectfully,
E. W. Leach
Director.

June 11, 1891.

Sup't. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

C. O. No. 7924 for \$500.00, being on account of Profits on Medals and proof coins inclosed in your Communication of the 10th instant has been received, properly indorsed, and forwarded to the Secretary of the Treasury, personal credit to be given you for your Medal Fund Accounts and the amount to be covered into the Treasury as a Miscellaneous receipt.

Respectfully yours,
 E. O. Leech
 Director.

June 11, 1891.

Sup't. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Inclosed herewith please find voucher No. 585 of your May Ordinary Account which is returned for correction. You will observe that the third item "2 Key Rings at 8^{cts} each" is extended 24^{cts}. If this is the result of an error in copying I will thank you to cause it to be corrected.

Please return the voucher, with your explanation, at as early a date as practicable.

Respectfully yours,
 E. O. Leech
 Director of the Mint.

Telegram

Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia, Pa.

June 11, 1891.

Your requisition for seven thousand five hundred dollars from contingent will be held until you have deposited in the Treasury the amount of Standard Silver dollar money which you will not need. It is not desirable to advance any more money this month to disbursing officers than they will absolutely require. If you will forward certificate of deposit as mentioned in my letter your requisition will be approved.

E. O. Leech
Director, Mint.

Supt. U. S. Mint
San Francisco, California.

June 11, 1891.

Sir:

Referring to your telegram of current date, stating that you would not require the \$5,000 requested to be advanced you from the Appropriation for Parting and Refining Bullion, you are informed that before the receipt of your telegram the warrant and draft had been issued, and it would have necessitated the cancellation of them as well as the counter-entries on the books of the Department. I therefore thought it best to allow the whole amount of the draft to go forward, and you will, when you have collected the same, re-deposit \$5,000 to the credit of the Appropriation for Parting and Refining Bullion, and any other money that you will not need, so that the

certificates of deposit can reach here by the
2nd inst.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

June 11, 1891.

Henry Mitchell, Esq.,
110 Tremont St.,
Boston, Mass.

Dear Sir:

If you will be kind enough to send
me a bill covering your expenses to Washington
and return while assisting me in passing upon
the new designs for coins, I will instruct the
Superintendent of the Mint at Philadelphia
to send you a draft for the amount.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

Similar letter to:

Augustus St. Gaudens, Esq.,
148 W. 36th St.,
New York.

June 12, 1891.

Hon. Charles Foster,
Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

I have the honor to request that you will
cause a transfer to be made from the
Bullion Fund of the United States Assay
Office at New York to that of the Mint at
Philadelphia of the sum of thirteen thousand
seven hundred and forty-six dollars and

ten cents [$\$13,746.10$] payable in fifteen thousand
two hundred and seventy-three, forty-four one-hundredths
ounces [$15,273.44$] of Standard Silver Bullion.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leach
Director of the Mint.

June 12, 1891

Hon. Charles Foster,
Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that the Bullion
Fund of the United States Mint at New Orleans
be increased in the sum of Five Hundred thousand
Dollars ($\$500,000.-$) by a transfer of that
amount in Treasury notes, and that the
same be placed to the credit of the Superin-
tendent of said institution with the Assistant
Treasurer U. S. at New York and notice of
credit be given by wire.

Respectfully yours
E. O. Leach
Director of the Mint.

June 12, 1891.

First Auditor,
Treasury Department.

Sir:

I transmit herewith, for examination and settle-
ment, the Statistical expense account of the
Assayer in Charge of the U. S. Assay Office
at Helena, Mont. for the year ending
June 30, 1891, rendered to me for the purpose
of adjustment as required by law.

Very respectfully,

E. O. Leach
Director of the Mint.

Similar letter, except as follows, to same address:

Ordinary Refinery and Coinage of Silver Bullion ac-	+	+	+	+
counts	+	Superintendent	+	Mint + Carson,
Rev.	+	month	+	May 31, 1891
+	+	+	+	+

June 12, 1891.

Sup't. U. S. Mint
Carson, Nev.

Sir:

I have examined and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement, your Ordinary Refinery + Coinage of Silver Bullion Accounts for the month ending May 31, 1891, with my approval.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leach
Director.

Similar letter, except as follows, to:

Assayer in Charge, U. S. Assay Office,
Helena Mont.

Statistical Expense Account	+	+	year	+
June 30, 1891	+	+	+	+

June 12, 1891.

Sup't. U. S. Assay Office,
New York City.

Sir:

I have requested that a transfer be made from the Bullion Fund of your

Office is that of the Mint at Philadelphia
of the sum of \$13,746.10 payable in 15,272.40
ounces of Standard Silver Bullion.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

June 12, 1891.

Sup't. U. S. assay Office,
New York.

Sir:
I return herewith blank form of Bullion
Recovered Warrant enclosed in your letter
of yesterday as I do not think it advisable
to have the same printed.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

June 12, 1891

Sup't. U. S. Mint
New Orleans, La.

Sir:
I have requested that the Bullion Fund of your
institution be increased by a transfer of
Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$500,000.)
and that the same be placed to your
credit with the Assistant Treasurer of the
United States at New York in Treasury
notes.

Respectfully yours
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

Supt. U. S. Mint
New Orleans, La.

June 13, 1891.

Sir:

You will please return the vouchers of the United States Express Company inclosed in my letter of yesterday for the transportation of Trade Dollar Bullion from New York to your Mint.

Respectfully yours
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

Supt. U. S. Mint
New Orleans, La.

June 13, 1891.

Sir:

The following coins, reserved at your Mint during the month of June, 1891, and forwarded to the Bureau of the Mint for special assay, have been received, viz:

2 S. S. Dollars	Del. 102	\$ 2.00
Total		<u>\$ 2.00</u>

Respectfully yours
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

Similar letter, except as here noted, to:

Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia, Pa.

2 Dinars	Del. 137	\$.20
Total		<u>\$.20</u>

June 12th, 1891.

Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia.

Sir:

Purchases of Silver Bullion under the provisions of the Act of July 14, 1890, have been made this day by the Secretary of the Treasury, for delivery at your Mint of the following parties at the rates and for the amounts respectively named, which you will receive and pay for by draft on the Assistant Treasurer at New York, payable in Treasury notes:

Fourth National Bank	40,500 Ounces, at \$0.98
American Exch. National Bank	33,000 Ounces, at \$0.9805
Clark, Dodge & Co.	100,000 Ounces, at \$0.9805
Clark Dodge & Co.	100,000 Ounces, at \$0.9815
Handy & Herman	20,000 Ounces, at \$0.9810
Handy & Herman	20,000 Ounces, at \$0.9815

Respectfully yours,

E. O. Leech
 Director of the Mint.

June 12, 1891.

Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I find upon examination of your Form 193 for May that you used nearly 17,000 ounces of trade dollar bullion in the coinage of dimes, which should not have been done. As you have been heretofore informed, the law passed at the last Session of Congress Expressly provides that this bullion shall be converted into standard silver dollars. Any of this silver that you need since the first instant must be

23
replaced from silver resulting from the melting
of incurrent coin transferred to you for recoinage,
Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia, Pa.

June 12, 1891.

Sir:
Your letter of the 11th instant inclosing bids
for twelve barrels of sweeps is received.
You are authorized to accept the bid of
the Chicago and Aurora Smelting and Mining
Company, \$600.00, for the same.
The bids are returned herewith.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia, Pa.

June 12, 1891.

Sir:
I have requested that a transfer be made
from the Bullion Fund of the United States
(Assay) Office at New York to that of your
Mint of the sum of \$13,746.10, payable
in 15,273.44 mices of Standard Silver
bullion. When received, you will treat this
as a purchase under the Act of July 14, 1890.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

June 12, 1891.

Sup't. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:
Enclosed herewith I send you the bill of Henry Mitchell for expenses to Washington in assisting me in passing upon the designs for coins.

Please send him a draft for the amount. If the bill is held up in your accounts on account of any informality in the manner of rendering it, I will have the Secretary approve it on the face when your accounts come on. I don't wish to ask Mr. Mitchell to render a bill in detail.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech
Director.

Telegram
replied

June 12, 1891.

Superintendent U. S. Mint
San Francisco, Cal.

Receive from Selby Smelting and Lead Company thirty-thousand ounces at ninety-eight, ten, per ounce fine.

E. O. Leech
Director, Mint.

June 12, 1891.

Henry Mitchell, Esq.
110 Tremont St., Boston, Mass.

Dear Sir:

Your esteemed favor of the 11th inst. is at hand, and the enclosure has been approved and referred to the Superintendent

of the Mint at Philadelphia with instructions
to send you a draft for the amount.

It may be that I may have occasion to com-
municate with you later in regard to designs
for coins. I would say that I have instructed
the engraving department of the Mint at Phila-
delphia to prepare some designs for the half-
dollar, quarter-dollar and dime.
If they are not satisfactory, I shall look else-
where.

With thanks for your kind assistance I am,
Very truly yours
E. O. Leach
Director of the Mint.

June 12, 1891.

M. J. Williams Esq.
Tombstone, Arizona.

Sir:

Acknowledging the receipt of your communi-
cation of the 6th inst. I send you by mail
to-day a copy of my report on the production
of Gold and Silver in the United States, 1891.
This is a Government publication and there
is no charge for it. These reports are sent
to those who request them.

Your postal note is herewith returned.

Very respectfully

E. O. Leach
Director of the Mint

June 12, 1891.

Telegram Handy & Harman
Confirmed 24 Nassau Street, New York.

Your offers of twenty-thousand ounces, at ninety-eight, ten, and twenty-thousand ounces at ninety-eight, fifteen, accepted. Other declined.
E. O. Seech
Director, Mint

June 12, 1891.

Telegram
Confirmed: American Exchange National Bank,
New York.

Your offer accepted.
E. O. Seech
Director, Mint

Similar telegrams sent to:

Fourth National Bank,
New York.

Selby Smelting and Lead Company,
San Francisco, Cal.

Clark, Dodge & Co.
51 Wall Street, New York.

+ offers +

Hon. Charles Foster,

June 13, 1891.

Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

I have to respectfully request that you will cause a transfer to be made from the Bullion Fund of the U. S. Assay Office at New York to that of the U. S. Mint at Philadelphia of the sum of three million fifteen thousand six hundred and twenty-three dollars, and sixteen cents [\$3,056,233.16], payable in 62,089.745 ounces of standard Gold Bullion.

Respectfully yours

E. O. Leech

Director of the Mint.

June 13th, 1891.

First Auditor

Treasury Department.

Sir:

I transmit herewith for examination and settlement the Ordinary Expense account of the Assayer in Charge of the U. S. Assay Office at Boise Idaho for the month ending May 31, 1891, rendered to me for the purpose of adjustment as required by law.

Very respectfully,

E. O. Leech

Director of the Mint.

Similar letter, except as here noted, to same Address:

Ordinary Refinery & Coinage of Silver Bullion
accounts, U. S. Superintendent + + + Mint +
Philadelphia + + + + +

Assayer in Charge, U. S. Assay Office,
Boise, Idaho.

June 13, 1891.

Sir:

I have examined and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement, your Ordinary expense account for the month ending May 31, 1891, with my approval.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech
Director.

Similar letter, except as here noted, to:

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Ordinary, Refinery + Coinage of Silver Bullion
accounts, + + + + +

Supt. U. S. Assay Office,
New York, N. Y.

June 13, 1891.

Sir:

I have today requested the Secretary of the Treasury to cause a transfer to be made from the Bullion Fund of your office to that of the Philadelphia Mint of the sum of three million, fifteen thousand, six hundred and twenty-three dollars and sixteen cents [\$3,015,623.16], payable in 162,089.745 ounces of standard Gold Bullion.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

1891.
 Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia, Pa.

June 13, 1891.

Sir:

Referring to your letter of June 12th in regard to the deposit of the money in your hands pertaining to the Appropriation for the Coinage of Silver Bullion, I have to say that the request for the Advance from your appropriation for Contingent Expenses will be withheld until the certificate of deposit is received. It seems to me that the disbursements for cutting presses and ventilation of bar vaults to which you refer should be made from the latter appropriation, especially as you have to day, an unexpended balance of over sixteen thousand dollars [\$16,000] in your hands and to your credit.

Respectfully yours,
 E. O. Leech
 Director of the Mint.
 June 13, 1891.

Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Referring to your statement of gold bars exchanged for gold coin during the month of May, I find upon examination that H. L. Roberts, Secretary, and Treasurer, obtained over \$120,000 in such bars and the amount exchanged by your Mint for coin in the month of May, being so much greater than heretofore, I am led to believe that these bars were not all taken for use in the industrial arts. You will in future satisfy yourself

before making the exchange that the bars requested are to be used for this purpose, and impose a charge of four cents per hundred dollars value on all such bars exchanged.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leach
Director of the Mint.

Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia, Pa.

June 13, 1891.

Sir:

I have to day requested the Secretary of the Treasury to cause a transfer to be made from the bullion fund of the U. S. Assay Office at New York to that of your Mint of the sum of three million, fifteen thousand, six hundred and twenty-three dollars and sixteen cents [\$3,015,623.16] payable in 162,089.745 ounces of Standard Gold Bullion.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leach
Director of the Mint.

Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia, Pa.

June 13, 1891,

Sir:

Enclosed I send you the bill of Mr. St. Gaudens for expenses in visiting Washington, to assist me in passing upon the new designs for coins.

You will please send Mr. St. Gaudens a check for the amount and I will have the

24
bill approved by the Secretary in your ac-
counts if it is held up for informality.

Very respectfully,
E. W. Leech
Director.

June 13, 1891.
Augustus St. Landens Esq.,
148 West 36th St., New York.

Dear Sir:

Acknowledging the receipt of your
very moderate bill for expenses at Washington
while assisting me in passing upon the new
designs for coins, I would say that the same
has been forwarded to the Superintendent
of the Mint at Philadelphia with instruc-
tions to send you a check for the amount,
\$25.00.

Very respectfully,
E. W. Leech
Director.

June 15, 1891.
First Auditor,
Treasury Department.

Sir:

I transmit herewith for examination and settle-
ment, The Ordinary Refinery & Stand. Silver
Doll. & Coinage of Sil. Bullion accounts of the Superin-
tendent of the U. S. Mint at New Orleans, La
for the month ending May 31, 1891, rendered
to me for the purpose of adjustment as
required by law.

Note, certificate on abstract of disbursements.
Very respectfully,
E. W. Leech
Director of the Mint

June 15, 1891

Supt. U. S. Mint
New Orleans, La.

Sir:

I have examined and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement, your Ordinary Refinery Corriage of Silver Bullion & Stand. Sil. Doll. Accounts for the month ending May 31, 1891 with my approval except voucher no. 300, in one of the bills of which 180 lbs of Commercial Sulphuric Acid are charged at $.02\text{¢}$ instead of the Contract rate of $.01\frac{1}{4}\text{¢}$ per pound. I have recommended the difference of 45¢ to be disallowed.

Very respectfully,

E. O. Leech
 Director.

June 15, 1891.

Supt. U. S. Mint
New Orleans, La.

Sir:

The following coins reserved at your Mint during the month of June 1891, and forwarded to the Bureau of the Mint for special assay, have been received, viz:

2 U. S. Dollars,	Del. 103	\$	2.00
Total		\$	2.00

Respectfully yours,

E. O. Leech
 Director of the Mint.

Similar letters, except as follows, to:

Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia, Pa.

+	+	+	+	+	+	+
2 S.S. Dollars	Del. 138					\$ 2.00
2 S.S. Dollars	Del. 139					\$ 2.00
Total						<u>\$ 4.00</u>

Sup't. U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

+	+	+	+	+	+
2 S.S. Dollars	Del. 88				\$ 2.00
Total					<u>\$ 2.00</u>

Sup't. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia.

June 15, 1891.

Sir:

Purchases of Silver Bullion under the provisions of the Act of July 14, 1890, have been made this day by the Secretary of the Treasury, for delivery at your Mint of the following parties at the rates and for the amounts respectively named, which you will receive and pay for by draft on the Assistant Treasurer at New York, payable in Treasury notes:

Clark Dodge & Co. 100,000 Ounces, at \$0.9825
 Handy & Harman 30,000 Ounces, at \$0.9825
 Handy & Harman 50,000 Ounces, at \$0.9830
 Handy & Harman 70,000 Ounces, at \$0.9830
 American Exchange
 National Bank 54,000 Ounces, at \$0.9820

Respectfully yours,

E. O. Leach

Director of the Mint.

June 15, 1891

Telegram
Confirmed.

Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia, Pa.

Gold bars are to be exchanged for gold coin only when the bars are to be used in the industrial arts and for no other purpose. You will make a charge of four cents per hundred dollars on all such exchange of bars, and refuse bars in exchange for other purposes.

In accordance with the instructions of the Secretary of the Treasury

E. O. Leech
Director, Mint

June 15, 1891.

Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I was astonished to find that you have continued to exchange gold bars for gold coin without making any charge for the same notwithstanding the regulation on the subject issued by the Secretary of the Treasury, and which was fully discussed in the newspapers at the time the export of gold from the United States commenced this year.

I supposed of course, that in common with the other institutions you had immediately refused to give gold bars for gold coin except when the bars were for use in the industrial arts, and that in all such cases you were imposing a charge of four cents per hundred dollars in value.

It was a matter of no little surprise

It me to find that this matter has been completely ignored at your Mint and without asking any instructions or making any inquiry of that Department, you have gone right along and followed the old course, ignoring the change in the law and the efforts which the Department has been making to prevent the exportation of gold bars.

Notice was given through the public press in March that the Secretary of the Treasury has imposed a charge of four cents per hundred dollars in value on gold bars desired in exchange for gold coin, and a few days afterwards notice was given that the Secretary of the Treasury, under the discretion given him by the act of March 3, 1891, had refused to exchange gold bars for gold coin and yet I find that you have not imposed the charge, and have continued the exchange.

Hereafter you will refuse to exchange gold bars for gold coin except when you are satisfied they are for use in the industrial arts, and in that case you will impose a charge of four cents per hundred dollars in value.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech
Director.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

June 15, 1891.

Sir:

Referring to your letter of the 13th inst. relative to a recent act of the legislature of the State of Pennsylvania defining the

the days which shall be legal holidays, which set forth Saturdays from noon, between the fifteenth days of June and September in each year as legal holidays, I would say, that I do not consider this provision applies to federal institutions and I do not approve the closing of the mint at 12 o'clock on Saturdays.

You are authorized to close your mint on Saturdays during the months of June, July, August and September at 3 o'clock P.M. which is the hour that Government institutions throughout the country close on that day through the summer months. I see no reason why your mint should be an exception.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech
Director.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

June 15, 1891.

Sir:

Referring to so much of your letter of the 13th instant as relates to the amount of balance to your credit in your Appropriation for Contingent Expenses for the current fiscal year, I would say the amount given by you agrees with the books of this Bureau.

The difference arose, as you suggest, from the item of \$49.87 not having been entered in the ledger of Appropriations when the statement was made.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint

June 15, 1891.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your Ordinance
 Refinery and Coriage of Silver Bullion Expense
 Accounts with Abstracts and Vouchers for
 the month ending May 31, 1891.

Very respectfully,
 E. O. Leach,
 Director.

June 15, 1891.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

I return herewith statement of silver
 delivered by the Nevada Bank on their sale
 of June 2nd, for correction, the correct rate
 being \$0.19750 and not \$0.9751. Please
 make correction, and return without delay.

Respectfully yours,

E. O. Leach,
 Director of the Mint.

June 15, 1891.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

The official bond of Daniel C. Van Nostrand,
 Comptroller Clerk of your Mint, was approved by
 the Secretary of the Treasury on the 13th instant,
 and has been referred to the office of the First
 Comptroller for file.

Respectfully yours,
 E. O. Leach, Director of the Mint.

Telegram

Sup^r U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

June 15, 1891

Receive from Selby Smelting and Lead Company
 twenty-five thousand ounces silver at ninety-
 eight, one tenth, cents per ounce fine.

E. O. Leech

Director, Mint.

June 15, 1891.

A. J. Ralston, Esq.,
Pres^t. Selby Smelting & Lead Co.,
416 Montgomery St., San Francisco, Cal.

Dear Sir:

Acknowledging the receipt of your communication of the 8th inst. I would say that any arrangement satisfactory to the Superintendent of the Mint at San Francisco which you make in regard to receiving your fine gold bars during settlement will be satisfactory to me. I would not however, approve any increase in the rate at which advances are to be made on such bars.

Purchases of silver will continue upon offers to the Treasury Department for delivery at San Francisco Mint but local purchases will be discontinued during the settlement.

Very respectfully,
 E. O. Leech
 Director of the Mint.

Telegram
Confirmed

Handy & Harman,
24 Nassau Street, New York,

June 15, 1891.

Your offers of thirty thousand ounces at
ninety-eight, or fourth cents, and one
hundred and twenty thousand ounces at
ninety-eight, three tenths cents, accepted. Others
declined.

E. O. Leech
Director, Mint.

Telegram

American Exchange, National Bank,
New York.

June 15, 1891.

Confirmed

Your offer accepted.

E. O. Leech
Director, Mint.

Similar telegram to:

Selby Smelting and Lead Company,
San Francisco, Cal.

Clark, Dodge & Co.
51, Wall Street, New York.

Telegram
Confirmed

Messlage Colgate & Co.,
29 Wall Street, New York.

June 15, 1891.

Your offer declined.

E. O. Leech,

Director, Mint.

Similar telegram to:

Zimmermann & Forshay,
11 Wall Street, New York.

June 15, 1891

Supt. U. S. Mint,
New Orleans, Louisiana.

Sir:

Referring to my telegram of current date, instructing you to coin from Trade Dollar Bullion (this month as many Silver dollars as practicable with your present force without overtime, you are informed that it will be necessary for you to render a separate account of such coinage with your Bullion account.

You will also render a statement on Form 193 showing the amount of Trade Dollar Bullion consumed, cost of same, face value of coinage and the profits thereon. No separate account, however, will be rendered with your bullion accounts of the profits but they will be carried to the credit of the regular Silver Profit Fund.

Respectfully yours,

E. O. Leech,
 Director of the Mint.

June 16, 1891.

Hon. Charles Foster,

Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

I have the honor to recommend the following changes in this Bureau, to take effect with the commencement of the next fiscal year, viz: John J. Lator, to be appointed translator at \$1,400. Miss Minnie E. Bagaley, to be appointed clerk of class one; William E. Morgan to be appointed clerk of class four. In regard to the first two changes I would say

that they involve no change of duties or compensation, but only a change of title. Miss Bagley is now the translator of this Bureau and receives \$1,200 a year while Mr. Lalor was appointed to do translating and receives \$1,400 a year. At my request Congress changed the title of these positions to make them conform to the duties actually performed by the respective individuals.

In regard to the appointment of Mr. Wm E. Morgan to a clerkship of class four, I would say that Mr. Morgan is the Secretary of the Director, and receives a salary of \$1,600 a year. At my request Congress struck out of the appropriation for this Bureau one clerk of class three and substituted one clerk of class four in order to give Mr. Morgan a promotion.

In view of the fact that Mr. Morgan was a clerk of class four under the Civil Service Commission, which position he resigned to be transferred to this Bureau as a clerk of class three, and as he took the civil service examination at the time of that transfer, I would respectfully request that the Department examination be waived.

I make these recommendations at this time for the reason that it is my intention to proceed to San Francisco about the 20th of June to Superintend the Annual Settlement of the Mint in that city, and I desire to take Mr. Morgan with me, and I will not be here on the first of July, when the changes take effect.

Very respectfully,

E. O. Leech

Director of the Mint

June 16, 1891.

Hon. Charles Foster,
Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

I find that the position of "helper" in this Bureau, at a salary of \$720 a year, has been changed in the act making appropriations for the legislative, executive and judicial expenses of the Government for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1892, to "assistant messenger". I have therefore, the honor to recommend that Mr. Eugene L. Russell, at present occupying the position of "helper" in this Bureau be appointed "assistant messenger" on the first proximo.

Mr. Russell is the personal messenger of the Director of the Mint.

Very respectfully,
 E. O. Leech
 Director of the Mint.

June 16, 1891.

First Auditor
Treasury Department

Sir:

I transmit herewith for examination and settlement the Ordinary Refinery & Coinage of Silver Bullion accounts of the Superintendent of the U. S. Mint at San Francisco, Cal., for the month ending May 31, 1891, rendered to me for the purpose of adjustment as required by law.

Very respectfully,
 E. O. Leech
 Director of the Mint.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Carson, Nevada.

June 16, 1891.

Sir:

Referring to your letter of the 10th inst., relative to your bullion accounts for the quarter ended March 31, 1891, you are hereby instructed to correct the same so as to make your payments in Treasury notes exhibit the exact cost of the silver bullion purchased under the act of July 14, 1890, whether in Department purchases, local purchases or partings. The law requires that the amount of Treasury notes issued shall always equal the exact cost of the bullion purchased.

The instructions given you under date of August 1, 1890, to pay for silver contained in gold deposits in silver coin were necessary because it was not practicable at that time to have printed and issued a sufficient supply of small Treasury notes, but you were distinctly told in the same letter that instructions would be given you later as to making the adjustments in your coin account on account of payment in coin for silver partings.

The practical method if you have paid out silver coin in the purchases of silver bullion, under the act of July 14, 1890, instead of Treasury notes, is to carry as a part of your silver coin the amount so paid in Treasury notes, and use these notes in making ordinary payments for which you would use silver coin.

There is no practical difficulty in the matter, but the accounts must exhibit

the payments in Treasury notes as exactly equal-
ing the cost value of the bullion purchased.

The accounts are returned for correction.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech,
Director.

June 16, 1891.

Sup't U. S. Mint
Carson, Nev.

Sir:

Mr. W. E. Morgan, my secretary, will reach Carson City by the morning of the 25th inst. for the purpose of superintending the annual settlement between the operative officers and Superintendent of the Mint and to make count of the bullion and coin in your possession.

As it is necessary for him to be in San Francisco by the end of the month I will thank you to have everything in readiness for him to commence on the morning of the date named.

I trust you will afford him the necessary facilities and assistance for making a thorough and satisfactory examination of your Mint.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech
Director.

June 16, 1891.

Assayer in Charge of U. S. Mint
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:

The official bond of Kirk G. Johnston, as Second Assistant Assayer of your Mint

2
was approved by the Secretary of the Treasury on
the 15th instant and has this day been referred
to the First Comptroller for file.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

Telegram Supt. U. S. Mint,
New Orleans, La.

June 16, 1891.

Have ordered dime dies to be sent you. A
large amount of incurrent silver will be
transferred you for recoinage into dimes.
Have you all the necessary appliances? Answer.

E. O. Leech
Director, Mint.

Telegram
Confirmed Supt. U. S. Mint,
New Orleans, La.

June 16, 1891.

For as many silver dollars from Trade
Dollar Bullion this month as practicable
with your present force. There will be no
closing of your Mint for settlement.

E. O. Leech
Director, Mint.

Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia, Pa.

June 16, 1891.

Sir:

I return herewith your transcripts of
schedules and awards for supplies in order
that it may be made out properly.

You will make a schedule of the awards, with alphabetical list of the articles, name of the bidder opposite. Then the price and a column for remarks, in accordance with the form inclosed. In the column for remarks you will indicate either the acceptance or the declination of the bid.

You will make no award for copper or alloy, as I believe it can be obtained upon more favorable terms in the open market.

Respectfully yours,
E. W. Leech

Director of the Mint.

June 16, 1891.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I have received your letter of the 15th instant, inclosing bids received for 15-16 barrels of melters and refiners' Sweeps. The bid of the Balbach Smelting and Refining Company of Newark, New Jersey, viz, \$545-1.81 being the highest, you will accept the same.

The bids are herewith returned.

Respectfully yours,
E. W. Leech

Director of the Mint.

June 16, 1891.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Referring to your letter of the 15th instant, in reference to the encurrent minor coinage metal resulting from the melting of minor coins

transferred for recoinage, you are informed that the object of my letter of the 18th instant was simply to be advised whether the contract for the exchange of this metal for blanks, as authorized by my letter of the 26th ultimo, had been made.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia.

June 16, 1891.

Sir:

C. O. No. 7925 for \$122,000⁰⁰ being on account of Minor Coinage Profit enclosed in your communication of the 15th inst, has been received, properly indorsed, and forwarded to the Secretary of the Treasury, personal credit to be given you in your Bullion account, and the amount to be covered into the Treasury as profit on minor coinage.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director.

Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia, Pa.

June 16, 1891.

Sir:

You will please prepare and forward to the United States Mint at New Orleans dies sufficient to coin half a million dollars in dimes immediately.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia, Pa.

June 16, 1891.

Sir:

The following coins reserved at your Mint during the month of June, 1891, and forwarded to the Bureau of the Mint for special assay, have been received, viz:

2 S. S. Dollars, Del. 140	\$ 2.00
Total	\$ 2.00

Respectfully yours

E. C. Leach

Director of the Mint.

Similar letter ~~exp~~ as here noted, to:

Supt. U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

2 S. S. Dollars, Del. 89	\$ 2.00
Total	\$ 2.00

Supt. U. S. Mint
San Francisco, Cal.

June 16, 1891.

Sir:

I have examined and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement your Ordinary Refinery & Coinage of Sil. Bullion accounts for the month ending May 31, 1891, with my approval.

Very respectfully,

E. C. Leach
Director.

June 15, 1891
Hon. Charles Emory Smith
Envoy Extraordinary & Minister Plenipotentiary
St. Petersburg, Russia.

Sir:

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your communication of the 19th ultimo, transmitting the information, upon the part of the Russian Government, called for by the circular letter of instructions of the Department of State, dated December 10, 1890.

I beg to express the thanks of the Bureau for the promptness with which this information has been forwarded.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

June 16, 1891.
Mr. Wm. E. Morgan
Bureau of the Mint,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

You will make your preparations to proceed to the Pacific Coast with me about the 20th of this month for the purpose of assisting me in the annual settlement of the mints at San Francisco and Carson City. Your necessary expenses will be paid.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech
Director.

June 17, 1891.

Hon. E. H. Reber,

Treasurer of the United States.

Sir:

Acknowledging the receipt of your communication of the 16th inst., advising me of the transfer of \$50,000 in uncurrent silver coins to the mint at Philadelphia for recoinage, I would say that instructions have been issued to the Superintendent of the Mint to coin the same into dimes at his earliest convenience.

In this connection I beg to suggest that no further transfer of uncurrent silver coins be made to any of the coinage mints (except that at New Orleans) during the remainder of this month, as the mints will be closed, as required by law, for the annual settlements. After the mints open in July for coinage purposes I shall expedite in every way the coinage of uncurrent silver coins transferred from the Treasury to such institutions.

I have already ordered dies to be prepared for the mint at New Orleans and additional dies for the mint at San Francisco, and I would suggest in view of the fact that the bulk of the silver dollar coinage as well as all the minor coinage must be executed at the mint at Philadelphia that the recoinage of uncurrent silver coins be done as largely as possible at the mints at New Orleans, and San Francisco.

I would suggest that arrangements be made to transfer a large stock of uncurrent silver coins to those institutions for recoinage after July 5, although transfer to the mint at New Orleans can be made at once as

That Mint will not close for annual settlement owing
to the fact that the operating officers were recently
changed and the annual settlement was made at
that time.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

June 17, 1891.

Sup't, U. S. Mint,
Carson City, Nev.

Sir:

The following coins, reserved at your Mint
during the month of June 1891, and forwarded
to the Bureau of the Mint for special assay,
have been received, viz:

2 S. S. Dollars	Del. 107	2.00
Total		<u>\$2.00</u>

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

Similar letters, except as follows, to:

Sup't, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia Pa.

2 S. S. Dollars	Del. 141	\$2.00
-----------------	----------	--------

Sup't, U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

2 S. S. Dollars,	Del. 90	\$2.00
------------------	---------	--------

June 17, 1891.

Supt. U. S. Assay Office
New York City,

Sir:

The following awards for furnishing supplies that will be required by your Office during the fiscal year ending June 30, 1892, submitted in your letter of the 15th instant, are hereby approved.

Respectfully yours
 E. O. Leech
 Director of the Mint.

June 17, 1891.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
New Orleans, La.

Sir:

The Superintendent of the Philadelphia Mint has been instructed to forward to you a sufficient number of dime dies to coin \$500,000 in that denomination. It is the intention to transfer to you an amount of uncurrent silver coin, now in the Treasury for recoinage, sufficient to make this sum.

You will make all the necessary preparations to execute this coinage with as little delay as possible, after the transfer of the uncurrent coin has been made you, as practicable. It is necessary, however, that you coin \$500,000 each month from the Trade Dollar Bullion recently transferred, until the same has been coined up.

Respectfully yours,
 E. O. Leech
 Director of the Mint.

7, 1891.

2

Telegram Sup't. U. S. Mint,
New Orleans, La.

June 17, 1891.

No. We will only report the wastage as actually ascertained and declared. The additional portion of this year will go in the next fiscal year. There will be no stoppage, cleanup nor settlement, and no additional wastage declared.

E. O. Leech,
Director, Mint.

Supplies
during
submitted
hereby.

Leech
of the Mint.

7, 1891.

Telegram Sup't. U. S. Mint,
New Orleans, La.

June 17, 1891.

Confirmed

State heights and diameter of body that will be required for dime dies.

E. O. Leech,
Director, Mint.

Philadelphia
a sufficient
in that
is transfer
silver
ge, sufficient

Sup't. U. S. Mint,
New Orleans.

June 17, 1891.

Sir:

Purchases of Silver Bullion under the provisions of the act of July 14, 1890, have been made this day by the Secretary of the Treasury, for delivery, at your Mint, of the following parties, at the rates and for the amounts respectively named, which you will receive and pay for by draft on the Assistant Treasurer at New York, payable in Treasury Notes:

Boston & Colorado

Smelting Company, 60000 Ounces, at \$1.0843

reparations
lay, after
can made
however, the
from the
dangered
ed up.
ly, your
O. Leech
ector of the

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

Similar letter, except as follows, to:

Sup't. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia.

John Pepper & Co.	50,000 Ounces,	at \$0.9840
American Exchange		
National Bank	33,000 Ounces,	at \$0.9840
Handy & Harman	40,000 Ounces,	at \$0.9830
Handy & Harman	40,000 Ounces,	at \$0.9835-
Handy & Harman	50,000 Ounces,	at \$0.98375-
Handy & Harman	120,000 Ounces,	at \$0.9840
Clark Dodge & Co.	50,000 Ounces,	at \$0.9830
Clark Dodge & Co.	50,000 Ounces,	at \$0.9840

Sup't. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

June 17, 1891.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of yesterday, relative to closing the mint on Saturdays at 12 o'clock M. from June 15th to September 15th, I would say that the state law has no application. The section of the regulations to which you refer has reference only to days which are by state laws legal holidays and not to any portions of days. It has been repeatedly held by the Department that state laws do not govern federal institutions, but that when the entire day is by state law a holiday, federal institutions when not detrimental to the interests of the Government,

shall be closed on such days, and the Mint regula-
tion is in conformity with this general ruling.
However, as you seem to think it desirable,
I am not disposed to overrule you in the matter,
but you will please understand that I do not con-
sider that a state law has anything to do
with the subject.

You are, therefore, authorized to close the
Mint on Saturdays at 12 o'clock M. from
June 15th to September.

I would insist, however, that the workmen shall
work up to the hour of noon on such days, and
not make their preparations to leave a half hour
previous as is usually the case in Government
institutions.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leach
Director.

Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia, Pa.

June 17, 1891.

Sir:

I have approved and referred to the proper ac-
counting officers of the Treasury, for examination
and settlement, an account of the Union
Pacific Railway Co., for the transportation
in the month of November 1890, from Ogden,
Utah, to Council Bluffs of one automatic
weighing machine, amounting to \$58.01
consigned to your care, payable from the
appropriation for Contingent Expenses of
your Mint fiscal year 1891.

Duplicate B/L herewith.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leach, Director.

June 17, 1891.

Supt. U. S. MintPhiladelphia, Penna.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 16th instant, in reference to bids for nitric acid, I am clearly of the opinion that the bid of the Jayne Chemical Company, being the lowest submitted, should be accepted.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leach
Director of the Mint.

June 17, 1891.

Supt. U. S. MintPhiladelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I have to request that you will forward to San Francisco at as early a date as practicable a sufficient number of dime dies to coin \$500,000 of that denomination.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leach
Director of the Mint.

June 17, 1891.

Telegram

Supt. U. S. Mint,San Francisco, Cal.

Take no steps looking to reduction of force. Probabilities are silver coinage will be continued after July. The matter will be decided at Cabinet on twenty-sixth instant, as it will be impossible for me to leave Washington before that night, if at all. Either myself or representative will be with you on June

thirtieth.

Resume operations as early in July as possible.

The information contained in this dispatch will be treated as confidential. Inform Dodge in regard to my departure.

E. O. Leech,
Director, Mint.

Telegram
Confirmed

Supt. U. S. Mint

San Francisco, Cal.

June 17, 1891.

Receive from Selby, Smelting and Lead Company, forty-five thousand ounces silver at ninety-eight, one quarter, cents, per ounce fine.

E. O. Leech
Director, Mint.

W. H. Harris, Esq.,

New Carlisle, Ind.

June 17, 1891.

Sir:

Replying to your communication of the 15th inst. you are informed that the diameter and thickness of the coins of the United States are fixed by law, and should new designs be adopted no change will be made in the diameter or thickness.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech,
Director of the Mint.

June 17, 1891.

Telegram Handy + Harman,
Confirmed 24 Nassau Street New York.

Your offer of fifty thousand ounces at ninety-eight, one-half cents, declined. Others accepted.
E. O. Leech,
Director, Mint.

June 17, 1891.

Telegram American Exchange National Bank
Confirmed New York.

Your offer accepted.

E. O. Leech
Director, Mint.

Similar telegrams to:

Boston + Colorado Smelting Company,
Denver, Colorado.

Kohn, Popper + Co.,
New York.

Selby Smelting and Lead Company,
San Francisco, Cal.

Clark Dodge + Co.,
51 Wall Street, New York.

+ offers +

June 17, 1891.

Telegram L. + S. Wormser,
Confirmed New York.

Your offer declined.
E. O. Leech, Director, Mint.

June 17, 1891

Ministry accepted

Ministry

June 17, 1891

Ministry

Ministry

June 18, 1891.

Hon. Charles Foster

Secretary, of the Treasury.

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that a transfer be made from the Bullion Fund of the U. S. Assay Office at Helena to that of the U. S. Mint at Philadelphia, of the sum of Fifty eight Thousand Nine Hundred and Fifty Seven $\frac{54}{100}$ Dollars (\$58,957. $\frac{54}{100}$) in Gold Coin, and Ten Hundred and fifty-five $\frac{52}{100}$ Dollars (\$1,065. $\frac{52}{100}$) in Silver Coin, making a total of Sixty Thousand and Twenty-three $\frac{46}{100}$ Dollars (\$60,023. $\frac{46}{100}$), being the net value of Bullion heretofore forwarded by the Assayer in charge of the United States Assay Office at Helena Mint, as shown by Memorandum No. 29 dated June 6, 1891, of Gold Bullion deposited at said Mint.

Respectfully yours

E. O. Leech
Director.

Similar letters except as follows, to same address:

+ + St. Louis + + + + Fourteen
Thousand and four $\frac{12}{100}$ Dollars (\$14,004. $\frac{12}{100}$) + + + Two
Hundred and sixty-six $\frac{24}{100}$ Dollars (\$266. $\frac{24}{100}$) + + +
+ + + + Fourteen Thousand, Two Hundred and twenty $\frac{36}{100}$
Dollars (\$14,270. $\frac{36}{100}$) + + + St. Louis + + No. 144
+ June 12 + + + + +

+ + St. Louis + + + + Eight Thousand
Four Hundred and fifty $\frac{53}{100}$ Dollars (\$8,460. $\frac{53}{100}$) + +
+ + making a total of Eight Thousand Four
Hundred and fifty $\frac{53}{100}$ Dollars (\$8,460. $\frac{53}{100}$) + + +
+ + St. Louis + + + No. 143 + June 15, 1891
+ + + + +

June 18, 1891.

Assayer in Charge, U. S. Assay Office,
Helena.

Sir:

Deposit Memorandum No. 29, dated June 13, 1891, of Gold Bullion forwarded by you to the United States Mint at Philadelphia, Shipment No. 29 dated June 6, 1891, has been received and examined at this Bureau, and the gross value found to be \$60,172.⁶³/₁₀₀, Charges \$149.⁵⁷/₁₀₀ and net value \$60,023.⁰⁶/₁₀₀. For the latter amount a transfer has been requested from the bullion fund of your Institution to that of the United States Mint at Philadelphia.

Respectfully yours,

E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

Similar letters (2), except as follows, to:

Assayer in Charge, U. S. Assay Office,
St. Louis, Mo.

+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
+	No. 143	+	June 15, 1891,	+	+	+	No. 143
+	June 12, 1891	+	+	+	+	\$8,461. ⁵⁸ / ₁₀₀	+
\$1. ⁰³ / ₁₀₀	+	+	+	\$8,460. ⁵³ / ₁₀₀	+	+	+
+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+

+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
+	No. 144	+	June 13, 1891	+	+	+	No. 144
+	June 12, 1891	+	+	+	+	\$14,304. ⁴⁰ / ₁₀₀	+
\$34. ⁰⁴ / ₁₀₀	+	+	+	\$14,270. ³⁶ / ₁₀₀	+	+	+
+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+

1891.

Supt. U. S. Mint
New Orleans, La.

June 18, 1891.

Sir:

I return herewith your check on Assistant Treasurer U. S. at New Orleans in favor of the U. S. Express Company for \$9, 353-³⁰ for the transportation of trade dollar bullion from New York to New Orleans.

You will please prepare in place thereof your draft on the Assistant Treasurer U. S. at New York for the amount.

Respectfully yours
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

Supt. U. S. Assay Office
New York City.

June 18, 1891.

Sir:

The following awards for furnishing supplies that will be required by your office during the fiscal year ending June 30, 1892, submitted in your letter of the 15th instant, are hereby approved, namely:

Articles.	Bidders	Prices.	Remarks.
Acid, Acetic	Chas Cooper & Co.	7¢ per lb.	
" Muriatic	M. Kalbfleisch's Sons Co.	9¢ " "	
" Nitric	"	9 3/4¢ " "	
" Oxalic	Binner & Arnold	29¢ " "	
" Sulphuric	M. Kalbfleisch's Sons Co.	95¢ " 100 lbs.	Brimstone
For waste acid	"	10¢ " 100 "	
Adjusting weights	Voland & Van Zelm	\$40 per year	
Alcohol 95%	Binner & Arnold	\$2.40 per gal	
Ammonia	M. Kalbfleisch's Sons Co.	7¢ per lb.	

Articles	Bidders	Prices	Remarks
Barrels	B. J. Jacobs & Son	30 each	
Bone Ash, M. & R.	H. Landenberger	4 1/2¢ per lb.	
" Asper	Preston Fertilizer Co.	7¢ " "	
Brass	H. J. Baker & Bro.	9.10¢ " "	
Brooms, Common	R. A. Robbins	\$2.95 " doz.	
" Whisk	"	1.60 " "	
Brushes, scrub	"	2.00 " "	
" Whitewash	"	12.00 " "	
" dust	"	3.90 " "	
Charcoal lump	J. Walker & Son	.35 " bbl.	
Coal, "Eclipse"	David S. Wells	4.78 " ton	
Copper plates	Hendricks Bros.	.12 " lb.	
" hoes	E. J. Monesse	45.00 " doz.	
" Scoops	"	35.00 " "	
" shovels	"	70.00 " "	
Crucibles, B. L.	Phoenix Manfg. Co.	.024 " No.	Guarant. for 5 days ref price
Covers, B. L.	"	0.008 " "	
Dippers, B. L.	"	.35 each	
Stirrers, B. L.	"	.25 " "	
Crucibles, French	Eimer & Amend	2.25 per doz.	
Covers, "	"	2.50 " lot	
Crucibles, sand	"	12.00 " 100	
Flax duck	R. A. Robbins	.4475 " yd.	
Lee	Knickelbacher Lee Co.	.1750 " 100 lbs.	
Iron Castings	The Watson Machine Co.	.0375 " lb.	
Lard tins & cooperage	E. J. Jacobs & Son	.95 each	
Lead, Sheet	Atlantic White Lead Co.	.0520 per lb.	
" pipe	R. A. Robbins	.0559 " "	
Tar old lead	Atlantic White Lead Co.	.0375 " "	
Lead, white	Seely Bros.	.0650 " "	
(Yellow pine planed)		33. " M.	
Lumber, " " " not "	Garret E. Green	65. " "	
" " " " "		62.50 " "	
(Shelving)		35. " "	
(Common)		28. " "	
(Spruce Scantling)		24. " "	

arks.

5 days
before

Articles.	Bidders.	Prices.	Remarks
Matches, Galis blue	R. A. Robbins	\$. 79 per gross	
Muffles, assay,	Eimer & Amend	1.20 each	
Nails, iron	R. A. Robbins	2.95 per keg	
" Copper	"	24. " "	
Nitrate of soda.	Eimer & Amend	2.40 per 100 lbs.	1/2 contr.
" " "	H. J. Baker & Bro.	2.40 " " "	1/2 contr.
Oil, paraffine,	Jas. Mc. Beth & Co.	.12 " gal.	
" lard	"	.48 " "	
" Cylinder, etc.	"	.60 " "	
" Dynamo	"	.40 " "	
" Boiled linseed	Seely Bros.	.61 " "	
" raw "	"	.58 " "	
Pails, common	R. A. Robbins	1.90 " doz.	
" Copper bound	"	27.00 " "	
Pilets,	"	2.50 " bbl.	
Rubber tubing, White, 1/2 in.	N. Y. Bittig & P. Co.	.10 per ft.	
3/8 "	"	.12 " "	
1/2 "	"	.15 " "	
3/4 "	"	.21 " "	
1 "	"	.27 " "	
" " Black Acid	"	.90 " "	
" hose 3/4 in. 3 ply	"	.10 1/4 " "	
Sapalis	R. A. Robbins	5.00 per box	
Shap, ivory,	"	7.50 " "	
" Golgates, brown	"	6.90 " "	
Savogran	India Alkali Co.	.06 1/2 " lb.	
Shovels, iron	R. A. Robbins	9.37 per doz.	
Sheetings, Conestoga	"	.22 " yd.	
Soda, bicarbonate,	Chas. Cooper & Co.	.05 " lb.	1/2 contr.
" "	Eimer & Amend	.05 " "	" "
Timberwood	Chas. F. Squibb	.29 " sack	Heavy 80 each per sack, red.
Tubs cedar, spec.	R. A. Robbins	6.00 each	
Turpentine	Chas. Cooper & Co.	.50 per gal.	
Varnish, Japan	R. A. Robbins	.70 " "	
Waste, Cotton	Colwell Lead Co.	.09 " lb.	

Respectfully yours,
 E. O. Leech,
 Director of the Mint.

June 18, 1891.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

This will introduce to you my Secretary, Mr. W. E. Morgan, who has been instructed to proceed to San Francisco and Superintend the annual settlement at your mint and make an examination and count ^{of} the public moneys in your possession.

You will please afford him every facility for the proper execution of his duties.

Very respectfully,
 E. O. Leech
 Director.

Telegram

Superintendent Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

June 18, 1891.

Have you any quarter dollar dies?
 Answer.

E. O. Leech
 Director.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

June 18, 1891.

Sir:

The awards of the following supplies that will be required by your Mint during the fiscal year ending June 30, 1892, submitted in your

letter of the 11th instant, are hereby approved,
namely:

J. N. Woods.

Rosin, at	\$.01 1/2 per lb.
Sponges [S.W.]	2.35 " "
Rabbitt's Potash, at	3.75 " Case
Pure Lard oil, at	4.65 " gal (bbl)
Castor Oil, at	1.25 " " (Case)
Boiled linseed oil, at	.62 1/2 " "
Coal oil 110 degrees, at	.17 " "
" " 150 " "	.20 " "
Turpentine, at	.55 " "
Benzine, at	.19 " "
Black Asphaltum Varnish, at	.63 " "
Pure white lead in oil, at	.07 3/4 " "
Litharge, at	.08 " "
Cotton Waste, at	.10 " "

Golden City Chemical Works.

Nitric Acid 38 deg. Baumé, at	\$.07 1/3 per lb.
Sulp. " 63 " " "	.02 1/2 " "
" " 66 " " "	.03 1/2 " "

Union Ice Co.

Natural ice, best quality, at	1/2 cent per lb.
-------------------------------	------------------

Steiger & Kerr.

Iron Castings in green sand, dry sand, and loam, including chilled rolls to the amount of 29,000 pounds, at a general rate of 5 cents per pound.

Thomas Morton.

Oak wood, at	\$ 6.97 per cord
Red " 4x4, at	5.97 " "
" " split " "	5.97 " "
English Cannon Coal, at	8.68 " 2000 lbs.
West Hartley " " "	8.45 " " "
Coke (English) " " "	10.25 " " "
Fire brick (Cowan) at	37.50 " thousand

John C. Wilson.

Anthracite, Wilkesbarre,
Egg Coal [screened] at \$10.64 per 2000 lbs.
Cumberland Coal at 10.71 " " "

Louis E. Lake.

Flour duster No. 6, at 6.45 per doz.
Turkey duster No. 16^{Pat} at 6.50 " "
Ostrich duster No. 20, at 18.00 " "
Carriage duster No. 5, at 27.00 " "
Nail brush No. 40, at 5.45 " "

Patrick A. McDonald.

Gas Cook at .44 cents per 100 lbs.

August Koerber.

Charcoal, at \$13.88 per 2000 lbs.

Pacific Gas Improvement Co.

Gas of 16 candle power in quantities as may be required
at \$2.00 per 1000 cubic feet.

H. G. Conklin.

Buck gloves [86 XXXX] at \$14.00 per doz.
Ladies buck gauntlets " 11.50 " "
Dogskin gloves " 12.00 " "

Huntington Hopkins Co.

Borax, refined, at .07 1/2 per lb.
Lace Leather pages [3 sides], at 2.00 " side
Sheet Lead, at .07 1/4 " lb.
Lead pipe, at .06 1/2 " "
Bronze extra patent No. 2 at 2.25 " doz.
Cotton mops, at 1.75 " "
Refined iron (astd.) at .03 " " Box
Norway iron, at .04 1/2 " " "

James G. Allen.

Black Lead Crucibles
(Dixons) Nos. 4, 5, 6, at \$3.70 per 100 Nos.
Nos. 8, 10, 12, at 2.70 " " "
" 14, 18, 20, 25, 30, 35, at 2.29 " " "
" 40, 50, 60, 70, 80, 100, 125, 150 at 2.19 " " "

No. 45 only, at	\$2.09 per 100 Nos.
Black Lead Covers [Dixon's]	
No. 18 sand above, at	63¢ per 100 Nos.
Black Lead Stirrers	
Dixon's Pattern, at	\$9.00 per doz.
Black Lead Dippers	
Dixon's pattern (Medium), at	3.00 " "
Black Lead Dippers	
Dixon's pattern (Large) at	3.40 " "

O. Samuels.

Russia Crash, at	.08 1/2 ct. per yd.
Crash Jowelling, at	.11 " " "
Blankets [3 1/2 lb.], at	1.40 " per
White rubber gauntlets at	21.00 " doz.

The Harry Una Co.

Whisk Brooms (69), at	\$2.30 per doz.
Copbtr. Mop and Brush handle, at	1.45 " "
Large rubber Squeezes, at	9.00 " "
Scrub brushes at	3.35 " "
Galvanized Hoop Pails, at	2.75 " "
Oak Pails, at	7.50 " "
Eureka Paper Pails, at	3.20 " "
Twine [48 B] at	.22 " lb.
" [48 B. C] at	.18 " "

Mack & Co.

Corrosive sublimate, at	\$0.82 per lb.
Bone Ash, fine, (Extra) at	3.40 " "
Muriate of Ammonia, at	.13 " "
Nitre, double refined, at	.08 " "
Brimstone roll, at	.04 " "
Potash [Babbitt's] at	3.50 " Case
Ammonia [conc. sol.] at	.18 " lb.
Alcohol 95 deg. at	2.325 " gal
Beeswax [pure yellow] at	.30 " lb.
White Castile Soap [Imported]	.125 " "

over

Baruch & Newman,

Buck Driving Gloves, at \$1.25 per doz.

Levi Strauss,

10-4 Pequot Brown Shuiting, at . . . \$0.24 1/2 per yd.

8-4 " " " " . . . 19 1/2 " "

Pepperill Drill, at08 " "

Indian Head Brown Muslin, at 07 3/4 " "

Ashland Brown Muslin, at 04 1/8 " "

7 g. Stark Duck, at10 1/2 " "

10 g. Arctic Duck, at13 1/2 " "

No. 10 Woodbury Duck, at17 " "

John Taylor,

Bone Ash No 1, at \$3.00 per 100 lbs.

Nitric Acid (C.P.), at15 3/4 " lb.

Sulp. " " "15 3/4 " "

Muriatic " " "15 3/4 " "

French Clay Crucibles No. 12, at 3.50 " doz.

Mint Muffles Nos. 10 1/2 X 5 1/4 X 3 3/8 8.00 " "

Mattresses, at2.25 " "

P. Marsicano,

Rock Salt at \$9.00 per 2000 lbs.

Respectfully yours,

E. O. Leech

Director of the Mint.

Telegram
Confirmed

Supt. U. S. Mint

Carson City, Nevada.

June 19, 1891.

Advance purchasing rate of silver to ninety-nine
cents per ounce fine.

E. O. Leech

Director, Mint.

Similar telegrams to:

Supt. U. S. Mint

New Orleans, La.

Supt. U. S. Mint
San Francisco, Cal.

June 19, 1891.
Assayer in Charge, U. S. Assay Office,
Charlotte, N. C.

Sir:

I return herewith your schedule of bids for furnishing supplies required by your office during the fiscal year ending June 30, 1892, and have to request that you will prepare a schedule of the bids, with the articles arranged alphabetically, and the name of the bidder and price opposite, as per sample sheet inclosed, and return the same to this Bureau as early as practicable.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leach
Director of the Mint.

Supt. U. S. Mint
New Orleans, La.

June 19, 1891.

Sir:

At the close of business on the 24th instant you will state by wire the approximate profits on the coinage of Silver Billion under the Act of July 14, 1890, during the month of June also the amount and cost of local purchases.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leach
Director of the Mint.

June 19, 1891.

Supt. U. S. Assay Office,
New York.

Sir:

I will thank you to inform me when it will be agreeable to your office to have the gentlemen from this Department to superintend the annual settlement and count, with you in New York.

Very respectfully,
E. C. Leach
Director.

June 19, 1891.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 17th instant, I would say that the word "award" was inadvertently used in place of the word "bid" in my letter of the 16th instant and it was not intended that you should make up a separate schedule of both the bids and awards, but simply a schedule of the former, with the articles alphabetically arranged, the name of the bidder, price, and action taken opposite as indicated on the sheet sent you. This does not retard the examination of the bids in this Bureau but greatly facilitates it as it is easily seen at a glance that the contract has been awarded to the lowest bidder for each article.

Both the San Francisco Mint and New York Assay Office have been not only making up a type-written schedule of the bids, but one of the awards also, with the

articles alphabetically arranged.

In further reply to your letter I would respectfully call your attention to Paragraph 6, of Article 26, page 30, of the Instructions and Regulations, which provides that you shall make the award to take effect after the approval of the Director.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech,
Director of the Mint.

Supt., U. S. Mint
Philadelphia.

June 19, 1891.

Sir:

Purchases of Silver Bullion under the provisions of the Act of July 14, 1890, have been made this day by the Secretary of the Treasury for delivery at your Mint, of the following parties at the rates and for the amounts respectively named which you will receive and pay for by draft on the Assistant Treasurer at New York, payable in Treasury Notes:

Moore & Schley	250,000 Ounces, at \$0.9997
Moore & Schley	25,000 Ounces, at \$1.00
Moore & Schley	50,000 Ounces, at \$1.0005
Hesslage Colgate & Co.	75,000 Ounces, at \$0.9990
Hardy & Harman	75,000 Ounces, at \$1.00
Hardy & Harman	70,000 Ounces, at \$1.0020
Hardy & Harman	70,000 Ounces, at \$1.0030
Clark Dodge & Co.	100,000 Ounces, at \$1.0025

Respectfully yours
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

June 19, 1891.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 13th instant, in reference to Subsidiary Silver coin manufactured from Trade Dollar Bullion, you are informed that the Subsidiary Silver coin made from ingots prepared from Trade Dollar Bullion and on hand at the date of my letter of the 6th ultimo will not be charged against uncurrent silver coin transferred but any ingots manufactured since the first instant must be replaced from bullion resulting from the melting of uncurrent coin.

Respectfully yours,
 E. O. Leach
 Director of the Mint.

June 19, 1891.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

You will please prepare and forward to the San Francisco Mint as soon as practicable ten [10] pairs of Quarter Dollar dies.

Respectfully yours,
 E. O. Leach
 Director of the Mint.

June 19, 1891.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Referring to your letter of the 27th ultimo,

in reference to the payment of your account for
three Silver Indian Peace Medals, I will thank
you to inform me whether you have received the
same.

Respectfully yours,

E. O. Leach

Director of the Mint.

June 19, 1891.

Supt. U. S. Mint,

Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Until further notice the purchasing rate of
Silver in lots of less than 10,000 ounces will be
ninety-nine [99] cents per ounce fine.

Respectfully yours,

E. O. Leach

Director of the Mint.

June 19, 1891.

Telegram Supt. U. S. Mint,

San Francisco, Cal.

Receive from Tilly, Smelting and Lead
Company, fifty thousand ounces silver at
ninety-eight, fifty-five hundredths cents
per ounce fine; and from Nevada Bank
Nineteen thousand ounces at ninety-nine,
one-eighth cents per ounce fine.

E. O. Leach

Director, Mint.

June 19, 1891.

Hon. N. C. Blanchard,
Shreveport, La.

Sir:

Acknowledging the receipt of your communication of the 15th inst, requesting the retention of Miss Annie Burch in the Mint at New Orleans, I would say that the same has been referred to the Superintendent of the Mint in that city with the request that, if the interests of the public service will permit, Miss Burch be retained.

Very respectfully,
 E. O. Leech
 Director of the Mint.

Clark, Dodge & Co.
57 Wall Street, New York.

June 19, 1891.

Your offer accepted.

E. O. Leech
 Director, Mint.

Similar telegrams to:

Messlage, Colgate & Co.
29 Wall Street, New York.

Selby Smelting and Lead Company.
San Francisco, California.

Nevada Bank
San Francisco, California.

June 19, 1891.

Telegram
Confirmed Handy & Harman,
24 Nassau Street, New York.

Your offers, accepted.

E. O. Leech,
Director, Mint.

Similar telegram to:

Moore & Schley,
80 Broadway, New York.

June 20, 1891.
Assayer in charge, U. S. Assay Office,
Helena, Montana.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 15th instant
submitting bids received by you for supply-
ing your office with wood and coal during
the fiscal year ending June 30, 1892 you are
authorized to accept the bid of William
Gervais for twenty-five [25] cords of wood
at five dollars [5.00] per cord, and that
of the Helena Lumber Company for fifty [50]
tons of coal at six dollars and fifty
cents [\$6.50], per ton.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

June 20, 1891.
Supt. U. S. Mint,
New Orleans, La.

Sir:

I return herewith a draft issued by you

in favor of the United States Express Company
on the Assistant Treasurer of the United States
at New Orleans, for one hundred and ten
dollars and seventy-eight cents [\$ 110.78]
in payment of their account for transportation
of silver dollars in May. You will please can-
cel this draft and forward one in favor of
the Express Company on the Assistant Treasury
at New York for the same amount.

Respectfully yours

E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

June 20, 1891.

J. P. Gross, Esq.,
Bureau of the Mint
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

You are authorized and directed to proceed
to the city of New York before the close of
the present fiscal year for the purpose of being
present at the annual settlement of the
Melter & Refiner of the Assay Office in that city
with the Superintendent.

You will note the character and quantity
of the different classes of bullion delivered
in settlement and ascertain the amount
of precious metals wasted during the year.
If the wastage of the Melter and Refiner
should be unusual or excessive you will
ascertain as far as practicable the
causes thereof. Should he return a
surplus of bullion you will ascertain as
nearly as possible from what sources the
same was derived.

Upon the completion of the settlement you

will make an accurate examination of the bars of gold and silver and other money, in the possession of the Superintendent for the purpose of ascertaining whether he has on hand the amount of public money with which he is charged. Upon the completion of your duties you will render a report in writing.

Your actual and necessary expenses while engaged in the performance of these duties will be paid upon presentation of your accounts with proper vouchers.

Mr. H. Clay Stier, of the Office of the First Auditor, and you will act together in this examination and count.

Very respectfully
E. G. Litch
Director.

Similar letter, kept as follows, to:

H. Clay Stier, Esq.,

Office of the First Auditor

Treasury Department, Washington, D.C.

Sir:

With the consent of the First Auditor, you are authorized and instructed + + +

+ + +
Mr. J. P. Gross of the Bureau of the Mint
and you will act together + + +

June 20, 1891.
Messrs. Cabell Whitehead & A. A. Hassan,

Bureau of the Mint, Washington, D.C.
Gentlemen:

You are authorized and directed to proceed to Philadelphia before the close

of the present fiscal year for the purpose of Superintending the annual settlement between the operating officers and the Superintendent of the Mint in that City.

You will be present at deliveries in settlement by the Melter and Refiner and Coiner, and note the character and quantity, of the various classes of bullion delivered and ascertain the amount of precious metals wasted by each during the year and if the wastage should be unusual or excessive you will ascertain as far as practicable the causes thereof.

You will weigh the coin and bullion in the possession of the Superintendent, except as hereinafter specified, for the purpose of ascertaining whether the Superintendent has on hand the amount of public money with which he is charged.

The Silver dollars stored in the large vault under the seal of Mr. B. F. Butler will not be disturbed and the seals will not be broken.

You will report as on hand the amount of silver dollars embraced in the certificate under seal on the vault in which these dollars are stored.

It will not be necessary to weigh the silver bars stored in the vaults under the charge of Mr. F. J. Gross who represents me at that Mint but you will take a statement from his books as to the quantity and value of silver contained in these bars.

It will not be necessary to weigh the gold bars received from the Assay Office at New York - about \$16,000,000 in value which are in a cage in the weigh clerk's

vault under the seal of Mr. R. E. Preston of this Bureau unless the seal has been broken or tampered with, or you have reason to believe that the interest of the public service requires those bars to be reweighed.

You will report the quantity and value of these bars on hand as covered by the certificate on the page.

You will make any further examination as to the business and conduct of the Mint its apparatus, machinery, and appliances, as you may think necessary.

You will render a report in writing of your examination of the Mint.

Your actual and necessary expenses while engaged in the performance of these duties will be paid upon presentation of your accounts with proper vouchers.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leach,
Director.

Ottomar Haupt, Esq.,

28 Rue St. Georges,

Paris France.

June 20, 1891.

Dear Sir:

Acknowledging the receipt of your esteemed favor of the 6th inst. I would say in regard to the production of silver in Mexico that the statistics furnished are very unreliable and unsatisfactory.

The estimate for the calendar year 1889, of 1,335,828 kilograms is based upon information furnished by Mr. Stavoli, the Chief of the Bureau of Statistics of Mexico, is over

Minister, Mr. Ryan. (Printed on pages 264 and 265 of the Report of this Bureau for the fiscal year 1890.) Mr. Stavoli placed the product of silver in that dispatch at 42,939,156 fine ounces.

While this was a very considerable increase over the product reported for the calendar year 1888, and while I had serious doubts as to the correctness of these figures, in the absence of better information I felt bound to accept the figures furnished by the most eminent statistician in Mexico.

This was strengthened by the fact, well known to us here, that the increased value of silver and lead, occasioned largely by legislation in this country, has stimulated the production of the Mexican mines, as evidenced by the increased importation into the United States of argentiferous lead ores from Mexico, and it is the very general belief among those familiar with Mexican mining interests, in this country, that the increase in the product of silver from the mines of Mexico has kept pace with the increase in the United States.

It will be understood that the deposits of silver at Mexican mints, for coinage, and the exportation of silver ores and base bars, does not fairly represent the silver product from the mines of Mexico, for the reason that as there is an export duty on silver, it is known or very generally believed, that large amounts are clandestinely exported to adjoining countries, principally the United States. Moreover, the value given silver in the

exportation of ores and base bars is much lower than the actual value of the silver, for the reason that these ores are valued low, frequently at a nominal rate, for the purpose of securing cheap rates of freight, freight being higher on high grade ores than on low grade. Moreover, it is a well known fact that considerable domestic silver is used in Mexico in the arts, that is, in the manufacture of bracelets, earrings etc. articles of ornamentation, which constitute considerable of a business, especially in small ways in that country. Domestic silver is used for this purpose in Mexico as it is almost exclusively in the United States, that is, they use silver bars instead of melting coin.

I have asked Mr. Staroli to compile very carefully, the statistics of the product of the mines of Mexico for the calendar year 1890. Until these statistics are received I adopted the product of 1889 as an estimate for the year 1890, in my report on the production of the precious metals, page 76, with the remark that the value of the silver deposited at the Mints of Mexico, and the amount exported during the calendar year 1890, showed a slight increase over the same amounts for the preceding year.

Very truly yours,

E. C. Leach

Director of the Mint.

Similar letter, with additions as here stated, to:

Dr. Adolf Soetbeer,
Göttingen, Germany).

over

Permit me to say that I have read with interest your article on the production and employment of the precious metals in the April number of "Hildebrand's Jahrbucher"; I am always pleased to read anything which emanates from your pen. Knowing the great care you take in compiling accurate statistics, I would say that all the publications of this Bureau are forwarded to you, and will be as long as I hold this office, as soon as received from the printer.

The silver question is occupying, very largely, the attention of the public in the United States and will undoubtedly be one of the leading issues in the Presidential campaign of next year.

There is a strong sentiment in the West in favor of the free and unlimited coinage of silver, under the belief that this country is strong enough to alone restore silver to its old parity. The conservative element of the country doubt the ability of this country alone to accomplish the herculean task, but the sentiment among all the intelligent people in regard to silver is that it is wise policy for this country to make as large a use of the white metal for currency purposes as can be safely done and maintain the gold standard. It is confidently hoped that the day is not far distant when European countries will recognize what we believe to be a fact, that a single standard of value based upon either of the precious metals is too contracted a basis upon which to conduct the business of the world, and that is for the best interest of all that

both gold and silver should be used as money
metals of full debt-paying power.

The scramble for gold has become so intense that
this fact is presenting itself with renewed force
upon the minds of the people.

Very truly yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

June 20, 1891.

Messrs. B. Westermann & Co.,
No. 812 Broadway,
New York City.

Gentlemen:

Your bills of the 8th, 17th and 18th instants
for books and pamphlets purchased for the
use of this Bureau amounting to \$18.81
have been approved, and referral to the proper
accounting officers of the Department for
examination and settlement.

In the course of ten days a draft for the
amount will probably be mailed you.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech
Director.

June 22, 1891.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Carson City, Nevada.

Report by wire at close of business on twenty-
fourth instant local purchases and costs
in June and also approximate profits on coinage of
silver dollars for the month.

E. O. Leech, Director, Mint.
Similar telegram to: Supt. U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

June 22, 1891.

Telegram
ConfirmedSupt. U. S. Mint
Carson City, Nevada.Advance purchasing rate of silver to one dollar
per ounce fine.E. A. Seech
Director, Mint.

Similar telegrams to:

Supt. U. S. Mint
New Orleans, La.Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia, Penna.Supt. U. S. Mint
San Francisco, Cal.Telegram
ConfirmedSupt. U. S. Mint
Carson City, Nevada.

June 22, 1891.

Have you stopped local purchases for the month?
If not, advance price to \$1.02 and telegraph
at close of business to-morrow amount and
cost of same for month.E. A. Seech
Director, Mint.

Similar telegram to:

Supt. U. S. Mint
San Francisco, Cal.

Memorandum
 Supt. U. S. Mint,
New Orleans, La.

June 22, 1891.

Advance purchasing rate of Silver is one hundred
 and two cents per ounce fine.

E. O. Leech
 Director, Mint.

Supt. U. S. Mint
New Orleans, La.

June 22, 1891.

Sir:

The following coins reserved at your Mint
 during the month of June, 1891, (and forwarded
 to the Bureau of the Mint for special assay)
 have been received, viz:

6 U. S. Dollars	Del. 107, 108 + 109	\$6.00
Total		\$6.00

Respectfully yours,
 E. O. Leech
 Director of the Mint.

2 Similar letters, except as follows, to:

Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia, Pa.

2 U. S. Dollars	Del. 142	\$2.00
2 1/4 "	" 144	.50
Total		\$2.50

2 Dimes	Del. 147	\$.20
Total		\$.20

June 22, 1891.

Supt. U. S. Mint
New Orleans, La.

Sir:

I transmit herewith the Assayer's report upon assay coins taken from the first and two subsequent deliveries in each week at your Mint during the Month of June, 1891, and forwarded for test as prescribed by the Regulations. The coins were found to be within the legal limits of tolerance.

Respectfully yours,
 E. A. Seech
 Director of the Mint.

Similar letters to:

Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia, Pa.

Supt. U. S. Mint
San Francisco, Cal.

June 22^d 1891.

Supt. U. S. Mint
New Orleans, La.

Sir:

Purchases of Silver Bullion under the provisions of the Act of July 14, 1890, have been made this day by the Secretary of the Treasury, for delivery at your Mint of the following parties, at the rates and for the amounts respectfully named, which you will receive and pay for by draft on the Assistant Treasurer at New York, payable in Treasury notes:

Boston & Colorado Smelting Company, 55,000 Ounces, at \$1.0275
 Respectfully yours,
 E. O. Leech
 Director of the Mint.

Similar letter except as follows, to:

Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia.

⁺American Exchange National Bank, ⁺30,000 Ounces, at \$1.0260
⁺Zimmermann & Foreman, ⁺100,000 Ounces, at \$1.0264

Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia, Pa.

June 22, 1891.

Sir:

I have received your letter of the 20th instant inclosing a letter from the Melter and Refiner in reference to the Nitric Acid offered by the Jayne Manufacturing Company.

In your letter of the 16th instant you simply say that the Melter and Refiner prefers the Harrison acid to the Jayne but no reason was given for this preference. You also remarked that you did not want to open accounts with two parties. In the absence of the assignment of any reason for the rejection of the bid of the Jayne Manufacturing Company for furnishing nitric acid you were informed in my letter of the 17th instant that as their bid was the lowest, I thought it should be accepted.

Had the objections of the Melter and Refiner been forwarded with your letter of the 16th instant you would have been advised to accept the bid for acid that he preferred.

In making the award for supplies, where the award is given to the highest bidder, you should explain fully in submitting the award, your action in accepting the highest bid, in order that this Bureau may be fully advised and justified in its approval of your action.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

June 22, 1891.

Sup't. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I return herewith the account of the Public Ledger, informally forwarded by you for advertising proposals for supplies required by your Mint for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1892, amounting to ninety-three dollars ^{93.00}.

This account should be made out upon the blank form which, I presume, accompanied the advertisement when sent the Ledger, a copy of which I now enclose. The authority of the Secretary of the Treasury for the insertion must be attached to the voucher, and the copies of the paper containing the advertisement must be forwarded to the Secretary of the Treasury.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia, Pa.

June 22, 1891.

Sir:

No statement of the local purchases of silver for this month to the close of business on the 20th instant was received by this morning's mail. I will thank you to forward the same.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia, Penna.

June 22, 1891.

Sir:

Until further notice the purchasing price of silver in lots of less than 10,000 ounces will be one-hundred and two cents per ounce fine.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

Telegram
Confirmed

Supt. U. S. Mint
San Francisco, Cal.

June 22, 1891.

Receive from Bank of California one hundred thousand ounces silver at one-hundred five-tenths cents per ounce fine, and from Selby, Smelting and Lead Company thirty thousand ounces, at one hundred and one and one-fourth cents per ounce fine.

E. O. Leech
Director, Mint.

June 22, 1891.

Dictated.

J. Brannigan, Esq.
Dept. of Justice.

Sir:

As I could not spare all the Reports necessary to furnish you the information you want, I have had compiled and enclose herewith a Statement exhibiting the Gold and Silver Coinage of the World for the last ten years, - 1880 - 1889.

Respectfully yours,
 E. O. Leech
 Director of the Mint.

June 22, 1891.

Telegram
 Confirmed

American Exchange National Bank,
New York City.

Your offer accepted.

E. O. Leech
 Director, Mint.

Similar telegrams to:

Bank of California,
San Francisco, Cal.

Boston & Colorado Smelting Company,
Denver, Colorado.

Zimmermann & Forshay,
11 Wall Street,
New York.

Selby Smelting and Lead Company,
San Francisco, Cal.

Telegram
Confirmed

Clark, Dodge & Co.
57, Wall Street, New York.

June 22, 1891.

Your offer declined.

E. O. Leech
Director, Mint.

Similar telegrams to:

Hendy & Barnard
24, Nassau Street
New York.

Moore & Schley
80, Broadway, New York.

L. & S. Wormser
New York.

June 23, 1891.

Hon. Charles Foster,
Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that the Bullion Fund of the United States Assay Office of Boise City Idaho, be increased by the sum of 'Twenty-five Thousand Dollars by a transfer of that amount in lawful money and that the same be placed to the credit of the Assayer in charge of said institution with the Assistant Treasurer U. S. at New York, and notice of credit given by wire.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech, Director of the Mint.

June 23, 1891.
Assayer, U. S. Assay Office,
Boise City, Idaho.

Sir:

I have requested that the Bullion Fund of your institution be increased by a transfer of Twenty-five Thousand Dollars, (\$25,000) and that the same be placed to your credit with the Assistant Treasurer of the United States at New York.

Respectfully yours,
 E. O. Leech
 Director of the Mint.

Telegram
 Confirmed

June 23, 1891.
Supt. U. S. Mint
Carson, Nevada.

You will accept bid of J. P. Woodbury for sweeps, namely, sixty per cent of assay value.

E. O. Leech
 Director, Mint.

Telegram
 Confirmed

June 23, 1891
Supt. U. S. Mint
Carson City, Nev.

Reduce purchasing rate of silver to one hundred and one cents per ounce fine.

E. O. Leech
 Director, Mint.

Similar telegrams to:
Supt. U. S. Mint
New Orleans, La.
Supt. U. S. Mint
San Francisco, Cal.

Telegram
Confirmed Supt. U. S. Mint.
Carson City, Nevada.

June 23, 1891.

Suspend local purchases of silver at close
of business today, and state by wire at close
of business to-morrow amount and cost of
silver bullion on hand.

E. O. Leech
Director, Mint.

Similar telegrams to:

Supt. U. S. Mint.
New Orleans, La.

Supt. U. S. Mint.
San Francisco, Cal.

Supt. U. S. Mint.
New Orleans, La.

June 23, 1891.

Sir:
Replying to your letter of June 20th in
reference to accepting the offer of the
Louisiana Electric Light Company, I would
inform you that for the reasons stated
therein you are authorized to accept their
bid of one thousand and forty dollars
[\$1,040], for the introduction of electric
light in your Mint and pay for the same
from the Appropriation for the Coinage of
Silver Bullion Act of July 14, 1890.
The bid of the Electric Light Company is returned
herewith.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech, Director of the Mint.

June 23, 1891.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
New Orleans, La.

Sir:

The following orders for supplies that will be required by your Mint during the fiscal year ending June 30, 1892, (submitted in your letter of the 19th instant, are hereby approved, (namely):

A. Schwartz & Sons.

Thread, assorted, at	\$0.45 per doz.
Ticking, at	17 1/2 " yd.
Linon, Holland	16 " "
Tape, Linon, 1/2 in.	25 " doz.
Linon, Crash,	08 1/4 " yd.
Brown sheeting	22 " "

Charles S. Pitcher.

Twelve Buck	3.00 per doz.
Buck Mitts	12.00 " "

J. L. Lyons & Co.

Nitric Acid, strictly C.P., at	.16 per lb.
" " for parting purposes at	.07 1/2 " "
Sulphuric Acid, Commercial,	.01 3/4 " "
Wax Soap, at	.07 3/4 " "
Toilet Soap, at	1.50 doz.

Finlay & Brunswick.

Lard oil, [Ex. W.S.] at	\$0.53 3/4 per gal.
Nitre D. R., at	6.43 " bbls.
Wax R. C., at	8.97 " " "
Alcohol, at	2.21 1/4 " gal.

L. J. Mestier.

Split Ash wood at	\$5.70 per cord
" fat pine, at	5.00 " "
Pine knots at	3.40 " "

Over

Robert J. Taylor & Son.
 Black Lead Crucibles No 200 at . . . \$.02 1/2 per No.
 " " " " " " .01 " "
 Dipping Cups at . . . 50 each.
W. G. Coyle & Co.
 Bituminous coal at . . . 4.30 per ton
John P. Graiz.
 Natural ice, at30 per 100 lbs.
A. B. Joseph Dureau.
 Charcoal at19 per bbl.
M. A. Doullut
 Tallow Refined, No. 3, at . . . \$0.08 per lb.
 Respectfully yours,
 E. O. Leech
 Director of the Mint.

June 23, 1891.
Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Please forward Memorandum of gold
 bullion deposited by the U. S. Assay Office,
 Boise City shipment No. 24 dated June 6,
 1891.

Respectfully yours
 E. O. Leech
 Director of the Mint.

June 23, 1891
Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I will thank you to forward by return mail
 a statement showing the approximate coinage
 of five cent nickels, and one cent
 bronze pieces in June.

Respectfully yours
 E. O. Leech
 Director of the Mint.

June 23, 1891.

Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:
 Please forward to the Mint of the United States at New Orleans, as early as practicable, ten [10] pairs of silver dollar dies.

Respectfully yours,
 E. O. Leech
 Director of the Mint.

June 23, 1891.

Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:
 You will please forward at close of business on the 24th instant a statement showing the amount and cost of silver bullion on hand at your Mint set of July 14, 1890.

Respectfully yours,
 E. O. Leech
 Director of the Mint.

June 28, 1891.

Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:
 Until further notice the purchasing price of silver on lots of less than 10,000 ounces will be one hundred and one cents [81.01] per ounce fine.

Respectfully yours,
 E. O. Leech, Director of the Mint.

Telegram
confirmed

Sup^r U. S. Mint
Philadelphia, Pa.

June 23, 1891.

Suspend local purchases silver at close of business
to-day).

E. O. Leech
Director, Mint.

Hon. Charles Foster

June 24, 1891.

Sir: Secretary of the Treasury).

It is respectfully requested that a transfer
be made from the Bullion Fund of the U. S.
Assay Office at Boise City, Idaho, to that of the U. S.
Mint at Philadelphia of the sum of fifteen thousand
six hundred and fifty-three ²⁷/₁₀₀ Dollars (\$16,653. ²⁷/₁₀₀)
in Gold Coin, and One hundred and ninety ¹⁷/₁₀₀ Dollars
(\$191. ¹⁷/₁₀₀) in Silver Coin, making a total of fifteen thousand
Eight hundred and Forty-four ¹⁴/₁₀₀ Dollars, (\$16,844. ¹⁴/₁₀₀)
being the net value of Bullion heretofore forwarded
by the Assayer in charge of the United States Assay
Office at Boise City, as shown by Memorandum
No. 25 dated June 1, 1891, of Gold Bullion
deposited at said Mint.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director.

Similar letter, except as follows, to same address:

+ + + U. S. Mint at Denver, Colo.
+ + + Thirty nine thousand, Five hundred and
Eighty-six ¹⁵/₁₀₀ Dollars (\$39,586. ¹⁵/₁₀₀) + + + Five hundred
and twelve ³⁷/₁₀₀ Dollars (\$512. ³⁷/₁₀₀) + + + Forty thousand and
Ninety-eight ⁵⁴/₁₀₀ Dollars, (\$40,098. ⁵⁴/₁₀₀) being the net value +
+ + Mint + Denver + + + No. 24 + June 9, 1891 +

June 24, 1891.

Hon. Charles Foster,
Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that the Bullion Fund of the United States Mint at San Francisco be increased in the sum of Five Hundred thousand Dollars (\$500,000) by a transfer of that amount in Treasury Notes and that the same be placed to the credit of the Superintendent of said institution with the Assistant Treasurer U. S. at New York. Notice of credit to be given by wire.

Respectfully yours,
 E. O. Leach
 Director of the Mint.

June 24, 1891.

Assayer in Charge U. S. Assay Office,
Borise' City, Idaho.

Sir:

Deposit Memorandum No. 25 dated June 19, 1891, of Gold Bullion forwarded by you to the United States Mint at Philadelphia, Shipment No. 25 dated June 13, 1891, has been received, and examined at this Bureau and the gross value found to be \$16,883.⁵⁷/₁₀₀. Charges \$41.⁴³/₁₀₀, and net value \$16,844.¹⁴/₁₀₀. For the latter amount a transfer has been requested from the bullion fund of your Institution to that of the United States Mint at Philadelphia.

Respectfully yours,
 E. O. Leach

Director of the Mint.

Similar letter except as here noted to:

Assayer in Charge, U. S. Mint
Denver, Colo.

+ + No. 24, + June 17, 1891 + + + No. 24

June 15, 1891, + + + + \$40,201.⁵⁴/₁₀₀ +
 \$103.⁰⁰/₁₀₀, + + + + \$40,098.⁵⁴/₁₀₀ + + + +

Telegram
Confirmed

Assayer in Charge, U. S. Assay Office June 24, 1891.
Helena, Montana.

You will follow instructions of last year in
 regard to closing and settling your accounts.
 All your bullion will be shipped the Mint
 before June thirtieth.

E. O. Leach
 Director, Mint.

Supt. U. S. Mint June 24th, 1891.
Philadelphia.

Sir:

Purchases of Silver Bullion under the provisions
 of the Act of July 14, 1890, have been made this day
 by the Secretary of the Treasury, for delivery at
 your Mint, of the following parties at the rates and
 for the amounts respectively named, which you
 will receive and pay for by draft on the Assistant
 Treasurer at New York, payable in Treasury notes:

Cons. Kansas City, S. & K. Co.	32,000 Ounces, at \$1.01
Cons. Kansas City, S. & K. Co.	26,000 Ounces, at \$1.0110
American Exch. Natl. Bank,	50,000 Ounces, at \$1.0098
Moore & Schley)	50,000 Ounces, at \$1.0098
Moore & Schley)	50,000 Ounces, at \$1.0100
Moore & Schley)	30,000 Ounces, at \$1.0108
Clark Dodge & Co.	50,000 Ounces, at \$1.0125
Hausly & Harman	20,000 Ounces, at \$1.0100
Hausly & Harman	20,000 Ounces, at \$1.0125
J. & W. Seligman & Co.	35,000 Ounces, at \$1.0124

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

June 24, 1891.

Supt. U. S. Mint—
Philadelphia.

Sir:

C. O. No. 7928 for \$1 & being on account of Parting & Refining Chgs. Quarter endg. Sept. 30, 1890, inclosed in your communication of the 23 inst. has been received, properly indorsed, and forwarded to the Secretary of the Treasury, personal credit to be given you in your Bullion accounts, and the amount to be covered into the Treasury to the credit of the appropriation for parting and refining bullion.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director.

June 24, 1891.

Supt. U. S. Mint—
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

I have requested that the Bullion Fund of your institution be increased by a transfer of Five Hundred Thousand Dollars, (\$500,000) and that the same be placed to your credit with the Assistant Treasurer of the United States at New York in Treasury Notes.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

Telegram
Confirmed Clark, Dodge & Co.
57 Wall Street, New York.

June 24, 1891.

Your offer of fifty thousand ounces at one hundred and one and one eighth cents, accepted. Other declined. Complete delivery, this week if possible as Mint closes for annual settlement.

E. O. Leech
Director, Mint.

Telegram
Confirmed J. & W. Seligman & Co.,
New York.

June 24, 1891.

Thirty-five thousand ounces of your offer at one-hundred and one, twenty four one-hundredths cents, accepted. Balance declined. Complete delivery, this week if possible as Mint closes for annual settlement.

E. O. Leech
Director, Mint.

Telegram
Confirmed Handy & Harman,
24, Nassau Street,
New York.

June 24, 1891.

Your offers of twenty thousand ounces at one hundred and one cents; and twenty thousand at one hundred and one and one eighth accepted. Other declined. Complete delivery, this week if possible as Mint closes for annual settlement.

E. O. Leech
Director, Mint.

Telegram
Confirmed

June 24, 1891.
Consolidated Kansas City Smelting and Refining Co.,
20 Nassau Street, New York.

Your offers accepted. Complete delivery this week, if possible, as Mint closes for Annual Settlement.

E. O. Leech
Director, Mint.

Similar telegrams to:

Moore & Schley,
80 Broadway, New York.

American Exchange National Bank,
New York.

+ offer +

Telegram
Confirmed

June 24, 1891.
Anglo-California Bank,
San Francisco, Cal.

Your offer declined.
E. O. Leech
Director, Mint.

Similar telegrams to:

Selby Smelting and Lead Company,
San Francisco, Cal.

I. & S. Wormser,
New York.

Telegram
Confirmed

W. Souza & Co.,
San Francisco, Cal.

June 24, 1891.

Your offer received too late for consideration.
E. O. Leech
Director, Mint.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

June 25, 1891.

Sir:

I will make some arrangement in regard to the absence of Mr. Grosblater, when I know exactly when he proposes to go away and for how long. It seems to me that in view of the peculiar position which he occupies he should take his leave of absence in detachments and in periods when we are not receiving silver.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

Mr. W. W. Kolburn,
Knox, Indiana.

June 25, 1891.

Sir:

The package of mutilated coin forwarded by you as advised in your letter of the 23rd instant has been transmitted to the Superintendent of the United States Mint at Philadelphia.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

June 26, 1891.

E. H. Nebeker, Esq.

Treasurer of the United States.

Sir:

Acknowledging the receipt of your communication of 15-day, informing me that you have transferred to the Mint of the United States, at New Orleans three hundred and sixty-seven thousand, nine hundred and two dollars (and sixty-three cents) [\$367,902.63], in incurrent silver coins for recoinage I beg to inform you that I have today instructed the Superintendent of the Mint to coin the same into dimes at his earliest convenience.

Respectfully yours,

E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

June 26, 1891.

Hon. Charles Foster

Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

I have the honor to request that you will cause to be deposited in the Treasury of the United States in the name of S. C. Wright, Superintendent Mint U. S., Carson City, the sum of sixty thousand dollars [\$60,000], on account of the profits on the coinage of silver bullion Act of July 14, 1890, and that the Bullion Fund of said Mint be increased by a transfer of said amount.

It is also respectfully requested that this deposit and transfer be made immediately, and that the Superintendent of the Mint be advised by wire, in order that it may be included in the current quarter's accounts.

Respectfully yours,

E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

Three (3) Similar letters, except as follows, & same address.

A. W. Smythe, New Orleans
Two hundred thousand dollars [\$200,000]

O. C. Boschshell, Philadelphia
Four hundred thousand dollars [\$400,000]

W. H. Dimond, San Francisco
Three hundred and forty thousand dollars [\$340,000]

June 26, 1891.

Sup't. U. S. Mint
Carson City, Nevada.

Sir:

I have this day requested the Secretary of the Treasury to cause the sum of sixty thousand dollars, [\$60,000], to be deposited in the Treasury of the United States in your name, in account of profits on the coinage of Silver bullion, Act of July, 14, 1890, and that your Bullion Fund be increased by the transfer of the same amount.

Respectfully yours,

E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint

Similar letters, except as follows, to:

Sup't. U. S. Mint
New Orleans, La.

Two hundred thousand dollars [\$200,000]

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

+ four hundred thousand dollars [\$400,000] + +
 + + + + +

Supt. U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

+ three hundred and forty thousand dollars [\$340,000] + +
 + + + + +

Dictated.

Asausr, U. S. Mint,
Denver, Colo.

June 26, 1891.

Sir:

Enclosed herewith I send you a copy of certain communications addressed to the President of the United States and referred to me for report.

You will please state briefly the reasons for the removal of John L. Setzer and any facts in connection with your own attention to the business of the Mint, that you may deem proper.

Very respectfully,

E. O. Leach

Director of the Mint.

[Press copies of enclosures filed in press copy book.]

Supt. U. S. Assay Office,
New York City.

June 26, 1891.

Sir:

I transmit herewith the account of the Mail and Express for advertising, proposals for supplies required by your Office during the fiscal year.

ending June 30, 1892, amounting to \$104.40, which
you will pay from the Appropriation for Contingent
Expenses of your Office, current fiscal year.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

Similar letter, except as follows, to:

Sup't U. S. Mint
San Francisco, Cal.

accounts of the Bulletin and Chronicle	+	+		
Mint	+	+	\$77.41	+
	+	+		+

Sup't U. S. Mint
Philadelphia, Pa.

June 26, 1891.

Sir:

Your requisition for funds to meet the expenses
of your institution during the month of June
1891, has been approved for the sum of \$7500.
payable from the following appropriations
made for the support of your Mint during
the current fiscal year, viz:

Contingent Expenses 1891 \$ 7,500. -

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech
Director.

Sup't U. S. Mint
Philadelphia, Pa.

June 26, 1891.

Sir:

I transmit herewith the account of the

Item for advertising proposals for supplies required by your Mint during the fiscal year ending June 30, 1892, amounting to \$9600, which you will pay from the Appropriation for Contingent Expenses of your Mint, current fiscal year.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

June 26, 1891.

Telegram
Confirmed

Sup't. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Penna.

Send me by mail to-day without fail, an exact statement in fine ounces of the Trade Dollar Bullion on hand at your Mint, and its cost.

E. O. Leech
Director, Mint.

Telegram

W. E. Morgan,
Mint U. S.; Carson City, Nev.

June 26, 1891.

Important Treasury matters render it inexpedient for me to leave Washington this month. Take your time reaching San Francisco by the first proximo.

If possible will join you in San Francisco in July, but will write you there. Health better. Want you to have a pleasant trip.

E. O. Leech
Director, Mint.

Telegram Silby Smelting and Lead Company,
San Francisco, Cal.

June 26, 1891.

Quota for month has been purchased. No further offers will be considered until July first.

E. O. Leach
 Director, Mint.

Supt. U. S. Mint

June 27, 1891.

Carson City, Nevada.

Sir:

I would suggest that after the 1st proximo the gold coinage of your Mint be confined to Eagles and Half Eagles. If this conforms to your judgment I would suggest that you make requisition upon the Bureau for Eagle and Half-Eagle Dies.

If there is any demand for silver dollars which you cannot promptly fill from your present stock of such coin you will promptly inform the Bureau.

If you find it entirely convenient and practicable with your reduced force, to execute a small monthly coinage of silver dollars in addition to your gold coinage there is no objection to your doing so but no monthly quota will be fixed (and the expense will be paid from your regular appropriation).

The silver bullion purchased at your Mint will be run into bars of fine silver weighing from 1,000 to 1,200 lbs. each, with the exact weight and fineness of each stamped upon them and securely stored

away, that is all that are not used in
coinage.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

June 26, 1891.

Telegram Supt. U. S. Mint
Confirmed Carson City, Nev.

Reduce your force on July first within your
regular appropriations for the next fiscal year.
No silver dollars will be coined at your Mint
for the present and no further advances made
you from the appropriation for such coinage.

E. O. Leech
Director, Mint.

Similar telegram to:

Supt. U. S. Mint
San Francisco.

Telegram Supt. U. S. Mint
Confirmed Philadelphia, Pa. June 26, 1891.

After the first of July, your coinage of silver
dollars will be confined to Trade Dollar Bullion
for the present. Expense of this coinage will
be paid from Silver Profit Fund. You will
reduce your force as far as necessary to
execute this coinage and your regular gold,
silver and minor coinage. Letters of instruction
will be written to-morrow.

E. O. Leech, Director, Mint.

Sup't. U. S. Mint,
Carson City, Nevada.

June 27, 1891.

Sir:

Until otherwise directed the coinage of your Mint will be confined to the execution of your regular gold coinage.

You are hereby instructed to reduce the force of workmen and adjusters employed to the actual requirements of business and within the regular appropriations made for the support of the Mint.

No deficiency, either in wages of workmen or Contingent Expenses will be incurred.

Very respectfully,
 E. J. Leach
 Director of the Mint.

Approved,
 Charles Foster
 Secretary.

Sup't. U. S. Mint,
Carson City, Nevada.

June 27, 1891.

Sir:

Unless the coinage of silver dollars from bullion purchased under the Act of July 14, 1890, be resumed, no further advances can be made your Mint from the Appropriation for the Coinage of Silver Bullion contained in the act named, and no expenditures from moneys advanced you from that appropriation will be legal after the first proximo. You are hereby instructed as soon as the expenses of the current fiscal year are paid to deposit in the Treasury the

the unexpended balance of funds advanced you from the appropriation named, and to forward the original certificates of deposit to this Bureau.

Hereafter your monthly requisitions will be confined to your regular appropriations, and must not exceed one twelfth of the amount appropriated.

Respectfully yours
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint

Similar letter to:

Supt. U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

June 27, 1891.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
New Orleans, La.

Telegram
Confirmed.

Forward in currency today by express nine-thousand four hundred and fifty-six dollars and eight cents to pay drafts in favor U. S. Express Company on Assistant Treasurer at New York, and which will be returned to you for cancellation. It has been decided they cannot be paid from Treasury notes now to your credit at New York.

E. O. Leech
Director, Mint.

June 26, 1891.

Supt. U. S. Mint
New Orleans, La.

Sir:

I am in receipt of a communication from the Treasurer of the United States, informing me that he has transferred to your Mint for recoinage three hundred and sixty-seven thousand, nine hundred and two dollars and sixty-three cents [$\$367,902.63$] in uncurrent silver coins for recoinage into dimes. As soon as these coins are received or any portion of them, they will be melted and the actual loss determined (without any deductions) of which you will promptly inform this Bureau so that the Treasurer can be reimbursed for the loss.

You will open a new silver Bullion account entitled "Uncurrent Silver Coins for Recoinage." You will debit this account with the actual weight in standard ounces of the coins received after melting and of the value of such silver at subsidiary coining rate, namely, $\$1.244167$ per standard ounce. You will credit this account in standard ounces with the new coins struck debiting Silver Coin Account with the same, and when transferred by the Treasurer, crediting Silver Coin Account with the amount transferred. The entry to your Uncurrent Silver Coin account will be made from your Bullion Fund Account in which Account the Treasurer will only charge you with the actual value of the silver coins after melting.

The rate to use for subsidiary coinage

is 803.75 $\text{Sh. Gr.} = \$1,000.00$.

Respectfully yours
E. O. Leach
Director of the Mint

June 27, 1891.

Supt. U. S. Mint
New Orleans, La.

Sir:

Hereafter the silver bullion purchased at your Mint will be run into fine bars weighing from 1,000 to 1,200 lbs. each, and safely stored away with the exact weight and fineness on each, and a record kept of such bars.

There is no objection to your completing the coinage into silver dollars of such unfinished blanks or ingots as you may have on hand, provided it does not interfere with the execution of the coinage of the incurrent silver coins transferred from the Treasurer.

I would suggest that the coinage of the Trade Dollar bullion cover a period of say, 4 months, or longer if necessary, but it should be completed before Congress meets. This will enable you to keep your force, as the expense of this coinage will be paid from the profits realized from the coinage as provided by the act authorizing its coinage into silver dollars.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leach
Director of the Mint.

Supt. U. S. Mint
New Orleans, La.

June 27, 1891.

Sir:

Unless the coining of silver dollars from bullion purchased under the Act of July 14, 1890, be resumed, no further advances can be made your Mint from the Appropriation for the coining of Silver Bullion contained in the Act named, and no expenditures from moneys advanced you from that appropriation will be legal after the first proximo.

You are hereby instructed, as soon as the expenses of the current fiscal year are paid, to deposit in the Treasury the unexpended balance of funds advanced you from the appropriation named, and to forward the original certificates of deposit to this Bureau.

Hereafter your monthly requisitions will be confined to your regular appropriations, and must not exceed one-twelfth of the amount appropriated. The expense of coining the Trade Dollar Bullion, that is, the expenses of workmen and adjusters, will be paid from the Silver Profit Fund. Regular payrolls will accompany your quarterly Bullion and Coin accounts as vouchers for such expenditures, and the entries will be taken up quarterly in your Silver Profit Fund and Silver Coin accounts.

E. O. Leech

Director of the Mint.

Similar letter to:

Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia, Pa.

June 27, 1891.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
New Orleans, La.

Sir:

Until otherwise directed, the coinage of your Mint will be confined after the 1st proximo to the manufacture into Silver Dollars of the Trade Dollar bullion now stored in your vaults and the recoining of such incurrent silver coins as may from time to time be transferred from the Treasury to the Mint, together with the execution of your regular gold coinage. The expense of coining the Trade Dollar bullion will be paid from the Silver Profit fund.

The force of workmen and adjusters employed in your Mint should be reduced to the actual requirements of business and the expenses of the Mint must not exceed the regular appropriations made for the support of the Mint except the expense of coining the Trade Dollar bullion.

No deficiency, either for wages of workmen or contingent expenses will be incurred.

Very respectfully,

Approved,

Charles Foster
Secretary

E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint

Similar letter to:

Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia, Pa.

Supt. U. S. Mint,

June 27, 1891.

Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Referring to your letter of the 26th instant relative to the amount of Trade Dollar bullion on hand, I am very much surprised to find that the amount has been reduced this month from 1,385,425.26 std. oz., which was on hand the first of the month, to 1,326,751.57 std. oz. Contrary to law and contrary to the instructions of this Bureau. The act of March 3, 1891 requires that this Trade Dollar bullion should be coined into Silver Dollars and you were instructed in writing that no portion of it was to be used in the coinage of subsidiary silver coins.

The specific silver used in coinage is a matter of no particular moment but the balance shown by the books of any particular class of silver should not be disturbed.

You will please understand that the exact amount of Trade Dollar bullion now on hand is to be coined into standard silver dollars and no portion of it is to be used for other purposes. This coinage may cover a period of say 3 months. This will enable you to keep a portion of your force for a longer period than otherwise, as the expense for wages will be paid from the profits made on the coinage.

As soon as your Mint opens next month the Treasurer will transfer to you a large amount of uncurrent silver coins which you will melt at once upon receipt and notify him of the loss (without any deduction) and proceed immediately and as rapidly as possible.

to convert into dimes.

You will also set your presses to work on the coinage of 5-cent and 1-cent pieces so that there will be no possibility of the stock of such coins becoming exhausted.

As soon as the coinage of Trade Dollar bullion is finished I will transfer some \$1,000,000 in gold bars from the assay Office at New York and you will then proceed to coin your gold into Eagles and Half-eagles.

If you find it convenient and desirable provided to keep your adjusters employed, to coin some gold each month in connection with the coinage of say 500,000 silver dollars from Trade Dollar bullion and it will not interfere or retard the demands of the Treasury for dimes and minor coins, you are authorized to do so. But the coinage of the Trade Dollar bullion in the monthly proportion mentioned and the coinage of subsidiary and minor coins must be given preference.

I would say for your information that the appropriation for the recoinage of uncurrent silver coins in the Treasury is only to reimburse the Treasurer for the actual loss of metal and no portion of it is available for expenses of recoinage.

If you have any doubt in regard to any of the instructions given you please present the matter promptly, that you may accurately understand the wishes of the Department.

Very respectfully,

E. A. Leech
Director of the Mint

Sup't. U. S. Mint

June 27, 1891.

Philadelphia, Pa

Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 26th instant relative to the payment of Wastage and Loss on Sale of Sweeps, I would say that Section 1 of Article 20 of the Regulations, distinctly provides that the value of any surplus bullion recovered, whether gold or silver, shall be used to pay any loss arising from sale of sweeps or operative wastage whether gold or silver, before any other funds or appropriations are used for that purpose.

Very respectfully,

E. W. Leech,
Director of the Mint.

Sup't. U. S. Mint

June 27, 1891.

San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

There is no objection to your converting into silver dollars, at your leisure, such unfinished blanks and silver ingots as you may have on hand, provided it does not interfere with your regular gold coinage and the execution of such recoinage of uncurrent subsidiary silver coins as you may receive from the Treasurer.

The silver purchased at your Mint under the Act of July 14 1890, will be run into bars of fine silver weighing from 1,000 to 1,200 lbs each and safely stored away, with the exact weight and fineness stamped on each and an exact record kept of such bars. Soon after the 1st of July the Treasurer

of the U. S. will transfer to your Mint for recoinage a large amount of uncurrent silver coins from the Assistant Treasurer at San Francisco. upon receipt of the same the coins will be melted, and you will at once inform this Bureau of the loss without any deductions that the Treasurer may be reimbursed. You will proceed to coin the melted coins into such denominations of subsidiary silver coins as you may be instructed by this Bureau.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leach
Director of the Mint.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

June 27, 1891.

Sir:

Until otherwise directed the business of your Mint will be confined after the 1st, proximo, to the execution of your regular gold coinage and the recoinage of such uncurrent silver coins as may be transferred to the Mint from the Treasury.

You are hereby instructed to reduce the force of workmen and adjusters employed in your Mint to the actual requirements of business and within the regular appropriations made for the support of your Mint.

No deficiency either in the wages of workmen or contingent expenses will be incurred.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leach
Director of the Mint.

Hon. Chas. Foster,

June 29, 1891.

Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that the Bullion Fund of the United States Mint at Philadelphia be increased in the sum of Three Million Dollars (\$3,000,000) by a transfer of that amount in Treasury Notes and that the same be placed to the credit of the Superintendent of said institution with the Assistant Treasurer of the United States at New York.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech,
Director of the Mint.

Supt. U. S. Mint

June 29, 1891.

Carson City, Nevada.

Sir:

Referring to bids for sweeps received, copies of which were inclosed in your letter of the 26th instant you are informed that you were authorized by telegraph on the 23rd instant, to accept the bid of J. P. Woodbury, viz; Sixty (60) per cent of the Assay value.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

June 29, 1891.
Assayer in charge, U. S. Assay Office,
Charlotte, North Carolina.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of June 27th you are informed that if you will resubmit

the bids for supplies, by classes, they will be approved, for the reasons which you state.

Respectfully yours,

E. O. Leach

Director of the Mint

June 29, 1891.

Assayer in Charge of U. S. Mint
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:

The following awards for supplies that will be required by your Mint during the fiscal year ending June 30, 1892, submitted in your letter of the 23rd instant, are hereby approved, namely:

500 Plumbago crucibles	Phoenix Mfg. Co.,	\$ 1.25 each
25 " " No. 20	" " "	1.00 "
200 " stirrers	" " "	.35 "
50 " crucibles	Denver Fire Clay Co.	.04 1/2 per No.
25 " " No. 20	" " "	.04 1/2 each
300 Battersa " "J"	" " "	.16 2/3 "
50 " " "K"	" " "	.20 "
25 " " "L"	" " "	.30 "
200 Plumbago stirrers	" " "	.55 "
300 lbs. Nitrate of potash	" " "	.14 per lb.
200 " Borax glass	" " "	.40 " "
10 " Cyanide potash	" " "	.40 " "
25 Battersa crucibles "H"	" " "	.03 each
200 lbs. Bone Ash	" " "	.05 per lb.
3 doz. Battersa annealing cups "B"	" " "	1.05 " doz.
200 lbs. Test Lead, C.P.	" " "	.15 " lb.
4 32 oz. flasks,	" " "	.30 each
24 Muffles,	" " "	1.25 "
2 Cupel moulds	" " "	2.75 "
2 Muffle tongs	" " "	1.00 "
3 6-inch glass funnels	" " "	.30 each
8 Carboys Nitric acid C.P.	" " "	.15 " lb.

40 tons coke

Colo. & Texas Fuel Co.

\$4.75 per ton.

Respectfully yours,

E. O. Leech

Director of the Mint

June 29, 1891.

Sup't, U. S. Mint

New Orleans, La.

Sir:

I transmit herewith the account of the Program for advertising proposals for supplies that will be required by your Mint during the fiscal year ending June 30, 1892, amounting as approved by the Department, to fifty four dollars and eighty-four cents [\$54.84] which sum is payable from your Appropriation for Contingent Expenses, Current Fiscal Year.

Respectfully yours,

E. O. Leech

Director of the Mint.

June 29, 1891.

Sup't, U. S. Assay Office,
New York.

Telegraph silver quotations as furnished on
June one hundred and twenty six for twenty-
seventh instant.

E. O. Leech
Director, Mint.

June 29, 1891.

Sup't. L. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I return herewith the bids and schedule of same and schedule of awards for supplies that will be required by your Mint during the fiscal year ending June 30, 1892, for review and correction by you, and that the awards made may be attested by one or more of the operating officers, as provided by Section 6, Paragraph 26, Page 30, of Instructions and Regulations.

I find upon examination of the bids and the schedule of the same that a number of articles offered by different bidders have not been entered on the same. All articles for which proposals were invited should have been entered with the name of the bidder and the price at which offered. Your attention is respectfully called to the items of Bone Ash and Bone Black. You enter on the schedule of bids Bone Ash as offered by the Oreston Fertilizing Company at $3\frac{1}{2}$ cents a pound and Bone Black at $6\frac{1}{2}$ cents per pound, and in the list of awards, Bone Ash is given to them at $3\frac{1}{2}$ cents per pound.

You have reversed the price for these two articles on the schedule of bids. They offered Bone Ash at $6\frac{1}{2}$ cents per pound and Bone Black at $3\frac{1}{2}$, and the bids for these two articles were higher than the others. Their name should not, therefore, appear on the schedule of awards.

The schedule of awards gives to Roller and Shoemaker Detergent Soap at 6.02 cents per pound on their bid for 6.07 cents.

Bar steel assorted, is awarded to Einwechter and Weyth, at an average of 12 ¢ a pound. The price

for each vice should be given.

White Stain Binding is awarded to H. C. Harper at $14\frac{3}{4}$ cents per box, when his bid was $14\frac{3}{4}$.

I find that according to the schedule of bids received, there are a number of articles of hardware awarded to E. A. Hollis, which are not entered on the schedule of awards.

In the award for Lumber to Elias Pohl, flooring, Virginia Pine, planed, No. 1, is set down at \$42, when his bid was \$24 per thousand.

Spittoons are awarded to William Heaton at \$8.98 per dozen, while the bid of Thomas C. Hood was \$8.90 per dozen.

I will thank you to carefully revise the awards, and return the schedule thereof to this Bureau as early as practicable.

Respectfully yours,

E. C. Leech

Director of the Mint.

June 29, 1891.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia.

Sir:

I have requested that the Bullion Fund of your institution be increased by a transfer of Three Million Dollars (\$3,000,000.) and that the same be placed to your credit with the Assistant Treasurer of the United States at New York in Treasury Notes.

Respectfully yours,

E. C. Leech
Director of the Mint.

June 29, 1891.

Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I return herewith with my approval the contract made with the Scott Manufacturing Company for the conversion of certain ingots of minor coin metal alloys into nickel and bronze blanks also the Bond of the said Company for the faithful performance of the same.

Respectfully yours,

E. A. Leech
 Director of the Mint.

June 29, 1891.

Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I transmit herewith the bond of the Collins Oil Company and the bid of John W. Malloy's Sons for hardware which were omitted from the package containing bids forwarded to you by 15-days mail.

Respectfully yours,

E. A. Leech
 Director of the Mint.

June 29, 1891.

Mr. W. E. Morgan,
San Francisco Mint

Sir:

You are hereby instructed to make an examination of the U. S. Assay Office at Helena, Mon. and make a report to me in writing of the same.

You will not leave San Francisco until

you have telegraphed me that your duties there
are finished and receive instructions from me.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

June 29, 1891.

Telegram
Confirmed

Hon. H. F. Baretine,
Carson City, Nevada.

Communication just received. Mint will be
kept open. Superintendent instructed to reduce force
to regular appropriations, which is double amount
for current year.

He can coin silver dollars, if practicable,
with his appropriation. Suggest he reduce wages
and save force. Letter by mail. See him.

E. O. Leech
Director, Mint.

June 30, 1891.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Carson City, Nevada.

Until further notice pay for local purchases silver
one dollar and one-half cent [$\$1.005$] per ounce fine.

E. O. Leech
Director, Mint.

Similar telegrams to:

Supt. U. S. Mint,
New Orleans, La.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

June 30, 1891.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
New Orleans, La.

Sir:

I have received the package containing nine thousand, four hundred and sixty-six dollars and eight cents [\$9,466.08], in currency, to take up your checks nos. 8196 and 8197 on New York, in favor of the United States Express Company. I have delivered the amount to the Express Company, and return the checks referred to.

Respectfully yours,

E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

June 30, 1891.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Penna.

Sir:

Until further notice you will pay for local purchases of silver at the rate of one-dollar and one-half cent [\$1.005] per ounce fine.

Respectfully yours,

E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

June 30, 1891.

Telegram confirmed

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

You will not deposit any silver profits at end of fiscal year, or at any other time, unless instructed by this Bureau. Deposit all other profits.

E. O. Leech
Director, Mint.

Mrs. Eugene Robinson Morrell,
Washington, D.C.

June 30, 1891.

Madam:

Acknowledging the receipt of your communication of the 27th inst. relative to preparing models for the coins of the United States, I beg to say that you labor under a misapprehension in regard to the intentions of the Department in regard to the coins. There is no intention to give anybody any commission to make models for our coins. Competition for designs was thrown open to the public and all of the models submitted were rejected. It is not my intention to employ any artist at present to prepare any designs.

Very respectfully,

E. W. Leech
Director of the Mint.

Hon. Charles Foster,

Secretary of the Treasury.

July 1st, 1891.

Sir:

It is respectfully requested, that a transfer be made from the Bullion Fund of the U. S. Assay Office at Boise City to that of the U. S. Mint at Philadelphia, of the sum of Ten Thousand and Fifty Three $\frac{65}{100}$ Dollars, (\$10,053.65) in Gold Coin, and Ninety Six $\frac{9}{100}$ Dollars (\$96.90) in Silver Coin, making a total of Ten Thousand One Hundred and Fifty $\frac{55}{100}$ Dollars, (\$10,150.55) being the net value of Bullion heretofore forwarded by the Assayer in charge of the United States Assay Office at Boise City, as shown by Memorandum

No. — dated June 22nd 1891, of Gold Bullion
deposited at said Mint.

Very respectfully,

R. E. Prestore
Acting Director.

Similar letters, except as follows To same address:

+ + + + Thirteen Thousand
Eight Hundred and Seventy Two $\frac{66}{100}$ Dollars
($\$3,872.\frac{66}{100}$) + + + One Hundred and Twenty Six $\frac{57}{100}$
Dollars ($\$176.57$) + + + Fourteen Thousand and Forty
- nine $\frac{10}{100}$ Dollars, ($\$14,049.\frac{17}{100}$) + + +
+ + + June 26th, 1891 + + +

+ U. S. Assay Office at Charlotte, N. C. + + +
+ + + Sixteen Thousand Four Hundred and
Twenty Two $\frac{46}{100}$ Dollars ($\$16,422.46$), + + + Fifty-
Two $\frac{97}{100}$ Dollars ($\$55.97$) + + + Sixteen
Thousand Four Hundred and Seventy Eight $\frac{43}{100}$ Dollars,
($\$16,478.43$) + + + Charlotte, N. C. + + +
+ + + June 25th, 1891 + + +

+ + + Helena, Montana + + +
+ + + Eleven Thousand, Nine Hundred and Four
 $\frac{13}{100}$ Dollars, ($\$11,904.13$) + + + One Hundred
and Thirty Seven $\frac{20}{100}$ Dollars ($\$137.20$) + + +
+ + + Twelve Thousand and Forty One $\frac{93}{100}$ Dollars,
($\$12,041.33$) + + + Helena, Montana,
+ + + June 30, 1891 + + +

Telegram
Confirmed

Supt. U. S. Mint
Carson City, Nevada.

June 30, 1891.

If you will reduce your rate of wages, I will allow you to continue silver dollar coinage, and give you a thousand dollars a month additional appropriation. There is no appropriation to pay expenses of recoinage subsidiary coin. It is to be paid from regular appropriations. Appropriation is only to re-indemnify Treasurer for loss of metal.

E. O. Leech

Director, Mint.

Telegram
Confirmed

Hon. H. J. Barstine,
Carson City, Nevada.

June 30, 1891.

Have offered to allow Superintendent Mint to continue silver dollar coinage if he will reduce rate of wages, and give him one-thousand dollars per month additional appropriation. Intends of continuing Mint at Carson demand that rate of wages should be reduced to San Francisco schedule. Confer with him on subject.

E. O. Leech

Director, Mint.

July 1, 1891.

Telegram
Confirmed

Supt. U. S. Mint
Carson City, Nevada.

Advance purchasing rate silver to one hundred, one, eight tenths, cents, per ounce fine.

R. E. Preston, Acting Director, Mint.

Similar telegrams to:

Supt. U. S. Mint
New Orleans, La.

Supt. U. S. Mint
San Francisco, Cal.

July 1, 1891

Assayer in Charge, U. S. Assay Office,
Boise City, Idaho.

Sir:

Deposit Memorandum dated June 22^d, 1891, of Gold Bullion forwarded by you to the United States Mint at Philadelphia, Shipment No. 24, dated June 6th, 1891, has been received and examined at this Bureau, and the gross value was found to be \$10,176.53, charges \$25.98 and net value \$10,150.55. For the latter amount a transfer has been requested from the bullion fund of your Institution to that of the United States Mint at Philadelphia.

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston,
 Acting Director.

Similar letter except as follows, to same address:

+	+	+	+	June 26, 1891	+	+	+	+
+	+	No. 26	dated June 26, 1891	+	+	+	+	+
\$14,085.54	+	\$36.37	+	<u>\$14,049.17</u>	+	+	+	+

Similar letter, except as follows, addressed to:

Assayer in Charge, U. S. Assay Office,
Charlotte N. C.

+	+	+	June 25 th , 1891	+	+	+	No. 6	+
+	+	June 22 nd , 1891	+	+	+	+	\$16576.93	+
+	+	\$38.50	+	+	+	<u>\$16,478.43</u>	+	+

Assayer in Charge, U. S. Assay Office,
Helena, Montana.

+	+	+	June 20, 1891	+	+	+	No. 30	+
+	+	June 13 th , 1891	+	+	+	+	\$12,073.03	+
\$31.70	+	+	+	<u>\$12,041.33</u>	+	+	+	+

Supt. U. S. Mint

July 1st 1891.

New Orleans.

Sir:

Purchases of Silver Bullion, under the provisions of the Act of July 14, 1890, have been made this day by the Secretary of the Treasury, for delivery at your Mint of the following parties, at the rates and for the amounts respectively named, which you will receive and pay for by draft on the Assistant Treasurer at New York, payable in Treasury notes.

Repton & Colorado Smelting Company, 60000 Ounces, at \$1.0225

Respectfully yours,

R. E. Proctor

Acting Director of the Mint.

Similar letter, except as follows, to:

Supt. U. S. Mint

Philadelphia.

Fourth National Bank	53,000 Ounces, at <u>\$1.0225</u>
Handy & Harman	20,000 Ounces, at <u>\$1.0225</u>
Clark Dodge & Co.	100,000 Ounces, at <u>\$1.0225</u>
Nisslage Colgate & Co.	50,000 Ounces, at <u>\$1.0220</u>
Zimmermann & Horshay	100,000 Ounces, at <u>\$1.0224</u>

Supt. U. S. Mint,

Philadelphia.

July 1, 1891

Sir:

C. O. No. 7931 for \$70,000.⁰⁰, being on account of Minor Coinage Profits during Pr. endg. June 30. 91 inclosed in your communication of the 30 ult., has been received,

properly indorsed, and forwarded to the Secretary of the Treasury, personal credit to be given you in your Bullion accounts, and the amount to be covered into the Treasury as profits on Minor Coinage.

Respectfully yours
R. E. Preston
Acting Director.

Similar letters except as follows, to same address:

+ + 7933 + + \$4,617.²⁸ + + + Parting
+ Refining Chgs.
+ To the credit of the appropriation for parting
+ refining bullion.

+ + 7935 + + \$28.¹⁵ + + + Exchange bar
charges, Cr. endg. June 30.
+ + + as a miscellaneous receipt.

+ + 7936 + + \$106.⁸⁴ + + + Alloy charges + + +
+ + + as a miscellaneous receipt.

+ + 7932 + + \$117.⁵⁶ + + + Sale of old
material + + + no personal credit + + +
+ + + as a miscellaneous receipt.

+ + 7934 + + \$48.⁰⁰ + + + Special assay
fees, + + + no personal credit + + +
+ + + as a miscellaneous receipt.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

July 1, 1891

Sir:

Until further notice the purchasing rate of silver in lots of less than 10,000 ounces will be one hundred one, eight-tenths cents per ounce fine.

Respectfully yours,

R. E. Prestor

Acting Director of the Mint.

Supt. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

July 1, 1891.

Receive from W. H. Harries forty-seven thousand ounces at one dollar one and one quarter cents. from Bank of California twenty-five thousand ounces at one dollar one and three quarter cents. from Selby, Smelting and Lead Company twenty-five thousand ounces at one dollar two and one quarter cents and from W. Loiza and Company forty thousand ounces at one hundred and two cents per ounce fine.

R. E. Prestor

Acting Director.

July 1, 1891.

Clark, Dodge & Company,
57 Wall Street, New York.

Your offer of one hundred thousand ounces at one hundred two and one quarter cents accepted. Other declined.

R. E. Prestor

Acting Director, Mint.

Telegram
 Confirmed

July 1, 1891.

Telegram
ConfirmedZimmermann & Forshay,
11, Wall Street, New York.Your offer of one hundred thousand ounces at
one hundred two and twenty-four hundredths
cents accepted. Others declined.

R. E. Preston

Acting Director.

July 1, 1891.

Telegram
ConfirmedLaidlaw & Co.
New York.

Your offer for the Bank of California accepted.

R. E. Preston,

Acting Director, Mint.

July 1, 1891.

Telegram
ConfirmedHeidelback, Seckelheimer & Co.
New York.

Your offer declined.

R. E. Preston,

Acting Director, Mint.

Similar telegram to:

Moore & Schley,
80, Broadway,
New York.

Telegram
Confirmed

Boston + Colorado Smelting Co.

Denver, Colorado.

July 1, 1891.

Your offer accepted.

R. E. Preston

Acting Director, Mint.

Similar telegrams to:

Messlage, Colgate & Co.

29, Wall Street, New York.

Selby Smelting and Lead Co.

San Francisco, Cal.

W. H. Harris,

San Francisco, Cal.

Fourth National Bank

New York.

W. Lozier and Company,

San Francisco, Cal.

July 2, 1891.

Hon. Charles Foster,

Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that the Bullion Fund of the United States Mint at Denver Colo. be increased in the sum of Two Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$200,000) by a transfer of that amount in lawful money, and that the same be placed to the credit of the Assayer in Charge of said institution within the First National and Denver National Bank of Denver, Colo.

Respectfully yours,

R. E. Preston

Acting Director of the Mint

Assayer, U. S. Assay Office
Borist City, Idaho.

July 2, 1891.

Sir:

The following awards for supplies required by your office for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1892, submitted in your letter of the 26th ultimo, are hereby approved:

To Peter Bonna -

20 tons (2,000 lbs.), Rock Spring Coal -	\$8.97 per ton
200 lbs. Borax (crystallized), at -	12.50 per 100 lbs.
5 tons coke -	18.75 per ton
100 lbs. pure Lead in bars -	10,000 per 100 lbs.

To Phoenix Manufacturing Co.,

4 doz. B. L. Crucibles, No. 1, with lids, -	at \$8.00 per doz.
3 " " " " " 8, " " "	12.00 " "
1 doz. " " " " 12, " " "	12.00 " "
1/2 " " " " 18 " " "	12.00 " "
2 doz. " " Stirrers 14 inches long, -	8.00 " "

All supplies for which no bids were received you will purchase in the open market taking care to obtain the same at the lowest market rates.

The bids enclosed in your letter of the 26th ult., are returned herewith.

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston
Acting Director of the Mint.

Assayer in Charge, U. S. Assay Office,
Charlotte, N. C.

July 2, 1891.

Sir:

The following awards for supplies that will be required by your office for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1892, submitted in your letter of the 18th ultimo, are hereby approved, namely:

Ammonia 20 lbs. in bottles about 5 lbs. each	\$3.40
Nitric Acid 14 lbs. C.P. sp. gr. 1.42 in Bottles 70 each	3.58
Hyposulphide Soda C.P. $\frac{1}{2}$ lb.	.20
Phosphosphate of iron and ammonia C.P. $\frac{1}{4}$ lb.	.10
Iodide of Potassium C.P. $\frac{1}{2}$ lb.	1.55
Potassiumate of Potash C.P. $\frac{1}{4}$	.12
Fluoride of Ammonia in rubber bottles, C.P. $\frac{1}{4}$ lb.	.85
Chlorate of Potash C.P. 1 lb.	.28
Citric Acid C.P. $\frac{1}{4}$ lb.	.40
Oxalic Acid $\frac{1}{4}$ lb. C.P.	.18
Microcosmic Salt $\frac{1}{2}$ lb. C.P.	.40
Sulphocyanide of Potassium C.P. $\frac{1}{4}$ lb.	.35
Potash sticks C.P. 1 lb.	.50
Soda lump 1 lb.	.15
" Carbonate 2 lbs. C.P.	1.00
Borax, refined, in barrel 400 lbs.	44.00
Litharge 200 lbs. Lewis' best in kegs 100 each	16.00
Cyanide of potassium for assaying purposes 10 lbs.	
in Tin Box,	4.10
Bone Ash 75 lbs. sieved, for making cups, 8.25	
Pure sheet Test Lead, not over .02 of Silver	
per A. T. 15 lbs.	3.75
Body for Monitor Furnace No. 630	8.50
1 pr. Crucible tongs for same,	
100 lbs. fire clay in bbls.	2.00
8 Muffles Battersea 14 X 5 X 8,	10.00
300 Round Battersea G. Crucibles	22.50
50 Triangular Battersea V. Crucibles,	1.55
450 " " U "	2.10
200 " " S "	15.00
50 " " S covers [clay]	1.50
50 Round " G. covers,	1.88
20 " Clay black Lead covers, 4,	2.60
20 " " " " " 6,	3.00
400 Scinifurs Batt. 2 in.	3.76
3 doz Roasting Dishes, Battersea, 6	6.60
" " " " " 7	3.20

8 doz. Annealing Cups, for Gold Battersea St. \$8.40
 30 cords oak and pine wood at \$2.74 per cord. 82.20
 7 tons coal at \$5.75 Tenn. Lump Bit. 40.25
 5 " " " 8.00 Chestnut White Ash. Anthr. 40.00
 2000 bushels charcoal at \$0.06 per bushel 120.00
 The bids, as submitted, are returned herewith.

Respectfully yours,

R. E. Preston
 Acting Director of the Mint.

July 2, 1891.

Assayer in Charge, U. S. Assay Office,
Charlotte, North Carolina.

Sir:

Your acceptance of the bid of Richards and Company, New York, to furnish your office with the following named articles, is hereby approved, namely:

- 1 Bullion Balance
- 1 Pulp "
- 1 Set Assay Iron Weights
- 1 Set Plat. Gramme "
- 1 " Troy "

The bids are returned herewith.

Respectfully yours,

R. E. Preston
 Acting Director of the Mint.

July 2, 1891.

Assayer in Charge
Charlotte.

Sir:

C.D. No. 899 for \$64.04 being on account of Melting, Assaying & Stamping, Chgs. Gr. endg June 30, 91, inclosed in your communication of the 30 ult., has been received, properly indorsed and forwarded to the Secretary of the Treasury, personal credit

to be given you in your Bullion accounts, and
the amount to be covered into the Treasury as
a miscellaneous receipt.

Respectfully yours,

R. E. Prestor

Acting Director

Four (4) similar letters, except as follows, to same address:

C. D. No. 909 + \$393.⁰⁰ + + + Gains on Bullion ship-
Phila. Mint during the fiscal year + + + +

C. D. No. 910 + \$399.⁶⁹ + + + Gain in Collection Charges on
Bullion Ship- Phila. Mint Fiscal year + + + +

C. D. No. 912 + \$101.⁰⁰ + + + Special ore assays
+ + + no personal credit + + +

C. D. No. 913 + \$54.⁹⁵ + + + Sale of old material +
+ + + no personal credit + + +

Two (2) similar letters, except as follows, to:

Supt. U. S. Mint

New Orleans.

C. D. No. 244 + \$167.¹³ + + + Parting & Refining
charges + + + to the credit of the appro-
-priation for parting & refining bullion.

C. D. No. 245 + \$2.⁸⁸ + + + Alloy charges +
+ + + + + + +

Four (4) similar letters, except as follows, to:

Supt. U. S. Assay Office,

New York.

C. D. No. 598 + \$309.⁵¹ + + + Alloy charges
+ + + 1st inst. + + + +

C. D. No. 599 + \$6,014.⁸⁵ + + + Parting &
Refining Charges + + + 1st inst.
+ + + to the credit of

the appropriation for parting & refining Bullion.

C.D. No. 596 + \$ 106.⁰⁰ + + + Special Bullion
Assays + + + 1st inst. + + +
no personal credit or + + + +

C.D. No. 610 + \$ 2,183.⁶³ + + + Sales of By-
products + + + + 1st inst.
+ + + + no personal credit or +
+ + + + + + +

Hon. Charles Foster,

July 3, 1891.

Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that the Bullion Fund of the United States Assay Office at St. Louis Mo. be increased in the sum of Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000) by a transfer of that amount in lawful gold and that the same be placed to the credit of the Assayer in charge of said institution with the Assistant Treasurers of the United States at St. Louis Mo.

Respectfully yours,

E. O. Leech

Director of the Mint.

C. H. Neffeker Esq.,

July 3, 1891.

U. S. Treasurer.

Sir:

I will thank you to inform me what sub-treasuries there is a supply of minor coins in excess of the requirements.

Respectfully yours,

E. O. Leech

Director of the Mint.

Telegram
Confirmed

Sup't. U. S. Mint
Carson, City Nevada.

July 3, 1891.

Reduce purchasing rate silver to one hundred,
one and one-half cents per ounce fine.

E. O. Leech

Director, Mint.

Similar telegram to:

Sup't. U. S. Mint
San Francisco, Cal.

Sup't. U. S. Mint
New Orleans, La.

Sir:

Until further notice the purchasing rate of
silver in lots of less than 10,000 ounces will
be one hundred, one and one-half cents per
ounce fine.

Respectfully yours,

E. O. Leech

Director of the Mint

Similar letter to:

Sup't. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia, Penna.

July 3, 1891.

Sup't. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia.

Sir:

Purchases of silver Bullion under the pro-
visions of the Act of July 14, 1890, have
been made this day, by the Secretary
of the Treasury, for delivery, at your
Mint of the following parties, at the
rates and for the amounts respectively named,

which you will receive and pay, for by draft on the Assistant Treasurer at New York, payable in Treasury notes:

Handy & Harman 120,000 ounces at \$ 1.0170
 Handy & Harman 75,000 ounces, at \$ 1.0175
 Messlage Colgate & Co. 100,000 ounces, at \$ 1.0175
 Messlage Colgate & Co. 30,000 ounces, at \$ 1.0187
 Gimmormann & Forshay 100,000 ounces, at \$ 1.0174
 Gimmormann & Forshay 50,000 ounces, at \$ 1.0184

Respectfully yours,

E. O. Leech

Director of the Mint.

Supt. U. S. Mint

Philadelphia, Pa.

July 3, 1891.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 2nd instant, stating that Messrs Handy & Harman have requested you to close their sale of 75,000 oz. of silver on the 19th ultimo at \$1.00 per oz., the same being about 1,300 oz. short - You will notify Messrs. Handy & Harman that they will be required to deliver an amount approximating the balance due on this sale.

Very respectfully

E. O. Leech

Director of the Mint.

Supt. U. S. Mint

Philadelphia, Pa.

July 3, 1891.

Sir:

Any orders received from New York City, for minor coins, you will return to the parties requesting the same, with the

information that they can be obtained upon application to the Assistant Treasurer, U.S., in that City.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

Assayer in Charge,
St. Louis, Mo.

July 3, 1891.

Sir:

I have requested that the Bullion Fund of your institution be increased by a transfer of Fifty thousand Dollars, (\$50,000) and that the same be placed to your credit with the Assistant Treasurer of the United States at St. Louis, Mo.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

Telegram
Confirmed

Sup^t U. S. Mint
San Francisco, Cal.

July 3, 1891

Receive from Selby Smelting and Lead Company fifty thousand ounces silver at one hundred and one, eighty-five one hundredths cents per ounce fine.

E. O. Leech
Director, Mint.

July 3, 1891.

Messrs. Wood & Payson,
64 Pine Street,New York City,

Gentlemen: -

Replying to your letter of the 1st instant, in regard to the valuation of foreign coins, I would say that the law directs that I shall estimate the value of foreign coins based upon the amount of pure metal contained. The law does not fix the method of arriving at the value of silver, and the rule of the Department is to use a valuation as nearly corresponding to the price of silver at the date of the Circular as possible; sometimes a period of 3 months is taken, sometimes 1 month, and sometimes a shorter period.

It is a matter entirely at the discretion of the Director of the Mint.

In valuing foreign silver coins on the 1st inst. I took the average value of fine bar silver in New York for a period of 7 (seven) days preceding the date of the estimate.

At the rate of \$1.00 per fine oz. for silver, the value of the Russian Rouble would be \$0.57.08.

Very respectfully,

E. H. Sech

Director of the Mint.

Charles R. Conner, Esq.,Spokane, Washington

Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 25th ult. I would say that I have no copy of the article which

July 3, 1891.

appeared in the North American Review, but you can obtain a copy by buying the "Review" for March.

A copy of my Annual Report for 1890 will be sent to you and your name has been placed upon our list for the publications of this Bureau.

Very respectfully,

E. O. Leach,
Director of the Mint.

Telegram Messlage, Colgate & Co.,
29, Wall Street, New York.

July 3, 1891.

We do not receive foreign coin on account of sales of silver at any of the Mints.

R. E. Preston
Acting Director of the Mint.

Telegram
Confirmed

Messlage Colgate & Co.
29, Wall Street, New York.

July 3, 1891.

Your offers accepted.

E. O. Leach
Director, Mint.

Similar telegrams to:

Handy & Harman
24, Nassau Street, New York.

Zimmermann & Forshay
11 Wall Street, New York.

Selby Smelting & Lead Company,
San Francisco, Cal.

Telegram
Confirmed.

Anglo-California Bank
San Francisco Cal.

July 3, 1891

Your offer declined.

E. O. Leach

Director Minn.

Similar telegrams to:

Fourth National Bank
New York.

Consolidated Kansas City Smelting and Refining Co.
20 Nassau Street, New York.

Pennsylvania Company for Insurance on Lives & Granting Annuities
517 Chestnut Street, Philadelphia, Pa.

J. S. Wormser,
New York.

American Exchange National Bank,
New York.

+ offers +

Clark Dodge & Co.
57 Wall Street, New York

+ offers +

Heidelbach Lickelheimer & Co.,
New York.

+ offers +

Hon. Charles Foster,

July 6, 1891.

Secretary of the Treasury,

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that the Bullion Fund of the United States Assay Office at Boise City, Idaho be increased in the sum of Fifty thousand Dollars (\$50,000.) by a transfer of that amount in lawful money, and that the same be placed to the credit of the Assayer in charge of said institution with the Assistant Treasurer U. S. at New York and that notice of credit be made by wire.

Respectfully yours,

R. E. Preston
Acting Director of the Mint.

July 6, 1891.

First Auditor,Treasury Department.

Sir:

I transmit herewith for examination and settlement the Bullion accounts of the Superintendent of the U. S. Mint at Carson City, Nev. for the Quarter ending Mch. 31, 1891 rendered to me for the purpose of adjustment as required by law.

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston
Acting Director of the Mint.

July 6, 1891.

Sup. U. S. MintCarson, Nev.

Sir:

I have examined and referred to the proper

accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement your Bullion accounts for the Quarter ending March 31, 1891, with my approval.

Very respectfully,
R. E. Prentiss
Acting Director.

July 6, 1891.

Telegram
Confirmed

Supt. U. S. Mint
Carson City, Nevada.

Reduce purchasing rate of silver one dollar,
one and one-quarter cents per ounce fine.

E. O. Leach
Director, Mint.

Similar telegrams to:

Supt. U. S. Mint
New Orleans, La.

Supt. U. S. Mint
San Francisco, Cal.

July 6, 1891.

Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia.

Sir:

Purchases of Silver Bullion under the provisions of the Act of July 14, 1890, have been made this day by the Secretary of the Treasury for delivery at your Mint, of the following parties, at the rates and for the amounts respectively named which you will receive and pay for by draft on the Assistant Treasurer at New York, payable in Treasury notes:

Handy + Harman 300,000 Ounces, at \$ 1.0149
 Moore + Schley 50,000 Ounces, at \$ 1.0135
 Moore + Schley 50,000 Ounces, at \$ 1.0140
 Moore + Schley 50,000 Ounces, at \$ 1.0145
 Heidelbach Lickelheimer + Co 135,000 Ounces, at \$ 1.0149
 Heidelbach Lickelheimer + Co 50,000 Ounces, at \$ 1.0140

Respectfully yours
 E. O. Leech
 Director of the Mint.

Sup't. U. S. Mint
 Philadelphia, Pa.

July 6, 1891.

Sir:

Until further notice the purchasing rate of silver
 in lots of less than ten thousand [10,000] ounces,
 will be one dollar, one and one quarter cents
 per ounce fine.

Respectfully yours
 E. O. Leech
 Director of the Mint.

Sup't. U. S. Mint
 San Francisco, Cal.

July 6, 1891.

Sir:

I return herewith by current mail,
 with my approval, contracts made by you
 for supplies that will be required by your
 Mint during the present fiscal year.

Respectfully yours,
 E. O. Leech
 Director of the Mint.

Telegram

Supt. Mint,
San Francisco.

July 6, 1891

Are there any reasons for removal of Miss Burns? Am surprised at her removal. Can she not be retained? Removals not yet received.

E. O. Leech, Director.

Dr. George O. Glavis,
Washington, D. C.

July 6, 1891.

My dear Doctor:

Referring to the letter of Messrs. DeRicks & Co., addressed to you relative to the valuations of foreign silver coins, I would say that the law does not prescribe the practice to be followed in ascertaining the value of silver for the purposes of this estimate, which is a matter entirely within the discretion of the Director of the Mint.

It has not been the practice to take the average price of silver for the preceding 3 months, sometimes that period has been taken, sometimes an average of 1 month preceding, and sometimes a shorter period. The aim being to ascertain as nearly as practicable the actual value of silver about the date of the estimate. For this reason I took as the value of silver in estimating foreign silver coins on the 1st instant, the average price of bar silver in New York for a period of 7 days preceding the estimate as approximately representing the value of silver in estimating the value of foreign coins, which values are

to stand for a period of 3 months.

Respectfully yours,

E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

July 6, 1891

Telegram Rev. S. V. Leech,
San Francisco, Cal.

Removals not yet received.

It would be unwise for me to disapprove Superintendent's reduction made pursuant to my orders for personal reasons, but after a while will endeavor to have Miss Gilliland reinstated.

E. O. Leech,
Director.

Telegram Heidelbach Schelheimer & Co.
Confirmed New York.

July 6, 1891.

Your offers of fifty thousand ounces at one hundred and one, forty hundredths cents, and one hundred and thirty-five thousand ounces at one hundred and one, forty-nine one hundredths cents, accepted. Others declined.

E. O. Leech
Director, Mint.

Telegram Handy & Harman,
Confirmed 24, Nassau Street, New York.

July 6, 1891.

Your offer of three hundred thousand ounces at one dollar ^{one} forty-nine hundredths cents, accepted. Other declined.

E. O. Leech, Director, Mint.

July 6, 1891.

Telegram
ConfirmedConsolidated Kansas City Smelting and Refining Company,
20, Nassau Street
New York.

Your offer declined.

E. O. Leech

Director, Mint.

Similar telegrams to:

Messlage, Colgate & Co.29 Wall Street, New York.Pennsylvania Company for Insurance on Lives & granting Annuities,
57 Chestnut Street
Philadelphia, Penna.Fourth National Bank
New York.W. Loiza & Co.San Francisco, Cal.Clark, Dodge & Co.,57, Wall StreetNew York

+ offers +

Gimmermann & Horshay)11 Wall Street, New York.

+ offers +

July 6, 1891

Telegram
ConfirmedMoret & Schley,
80, Broadway, New York.

Your offers accepted.

E. O. Leech, Director Mint.

Assayer in Charge,
Denver.

July 7, 1891.

Sir:

C. D. No. 9142 for \$105.⁴⁹, being on account of Sweep bar, Qr. end'g June 30, 1891 inclosed in your communication of the 30 ult., has been received, properly indorsed, and forwarded to the Secretary of the Treasury, personal credit to be given you in your bullion accounts, and the amount to be covered into the Treasury as a miscellaneous receipt.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston
Acting Director.

3 (Three) Similar letters, except as follows, to same address:
C. D. No. 9143 for \$350.⁶¹ + + Melting assaying and
Stamping Chgs. + + + + +

C. D. No. 9140 for \$24.⁰⁰ + + + Special Assays + +
+ + no personal credit cc. + + + +

C. D. No. 9141 for \$1.²⁰ + + Sale of Old Material +
+ + no personal credit cc. + + + +

Four (4) Similar letters, except as follows, addressed to:

Assayer in Charge,
Helena.

C. D. No. 433 for \$339.¹¹ + + Melting, Assaying and
Stamping Chgs. + + + + 1st inst. + + +

C. D. No. 434 for \$554.¹³ + + Sweeps, for fiscal year
+ + + 1st inst. + + + +

C. D. No. 435 for \$745.⁹⁹ + + + Jan's on

Charges & Shipments, for Fiscal year + + + 1st inst.
+ + + + + + + +

C. D. No. 432 for \$92.⁰⁰ + + + Special Assays + +
+ + 1st inst. + + no personal credit &c. + +
+ + + + + + + +

One (1) Similar letter except as follows, addressed to:

Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia.

C. D. No. 7947 for \$1,119.³⁷ + + + Balance Profit
+ Loss a/c, June 30, 1891 + + + 6, inst. +
+ + + + + + + +

Four (4) Similar letters, except as follows, addressed to:

Supt. U. S. Mint
San Francisco.

C. D. No. 509 for \$333.⁸² + + + Alloy charges
+ + + 30 ult. + + + + +

C. D. No. 570 for \$6,750.²⁶ + + + Parting & Refining
Chgs. + + + 30 ult. + + + to the
credit of the appropriation for parting & refining bullion.
+ + + + + + + +

C. D. No. 571 for \$604.⁹⁸ + + + Sale of By-products
+ + + 30 ult. + + + no personal credit
&c. + + + + +

C. D. No. 571 for \$5486 + + + Sale of Old material
+ + + 30 ult. + + + no personal
credit &c. + + + + +
+ + + + + + + +

Assayer in Charge, U. S. Mint
Denver Colo.

July 7, 1891.

Sir:

Please forward without delay an itemized statement of the "Sale of Old Material", as per your certificate of recent date.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Acting Director of the Mint.

Similar letter to:

Assayer in Charge, U. S. Assay Office,
Charlotte, N. C.

Telegram
Confirmed

Supt. U. S. Mint
New Orleans, La.

July 7, 1891.

How soon will you be able to coin one hundred thousand dollars in dimes?
Answer.

R. E. Preston
Acting Director Mint.

Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia, Pa.

July 7, 1891

Sir:

Any orders for minor coins received from Philadelphia and Chicago, you will please return to the parties, with the information that the same can be had on application to the Assistant Treasurer of the United States in said cities.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Acting Director of the Mint.

July 8, 1891

Hon. Charles Foster,

Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that the Bullion Fund of the United States Assay Office, at Helena be increased in the sum of One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000.-) by a transfer of that amount in lawful money, and that the same be placed to the credit of the Assayer in Charge of said institution with the Merchants National Bank at Helena.

Respectfully yours

E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint

Similar letter, except as follows, to same address:

Mint at San Francisco	+	Five
Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$500,000.)	+	
Treasury Notes	+	
Superintendent	+	Assistant
Treasurer U. S. at New York.		

July 8, 1891.

Supt. U. S. Mint

Carson City, Nevada.

Reduce purchasing rate of Silver to one dollar and one cent per ounce fine.

E. O. Leech
Director, Mint

Similar telegrams to:

Supt. U. S. Mint

New Orleans, La

Supt. U. S. Mint,

San Francisco, Cal.

Telegram
Confirmed

Sayer, U. S. assay office,
Holena, Mont.

July 8, 1891.

Sir:

I have requested that the Bullion Fund of your institution be increased by a transfer of One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000.) and that the same be placed to your credit with the Merchants National Bank at Helena.

Respectfully yours,
B. O. Leach,
Director of the Mint.

Similar letter except as follows, to:

Supt. U. S. Mint,
San Francisco.

Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$500,000.) +
United States at New York, in Treasury Notes.
Assistant Treasurer of the

Supt. U. S. Mint,
New Orleans.

July 8, 1891

Sir:

Purchases of Silver Bullion under the provisions of the Act of July 14, 1890, have been made this day by the Secretary of the Treasury, for delivery at your Mint of the following parties at the rates and for the amounts respectively named which you will receive and pay for by draft on the Assistant Treasurer at New York, payable in Treasury notes:
Boston & Colorado Smelting Company, 700000000, at \$1.125-

Respectfully yours
 E. O. Leech
 Director of the Mint

Similar letter, except as follows, to:

Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia.

Fourth National Bank	50,000	Ounces, at \$1.0125
Moore & Schley	70,000	Ounces, at \$1.0123
Handy & Hoffman	220,000	Ounces, at \$1.0125
Clark Dodge & Co.	100,000	Ounces, at \$1.0125
American Exchange National Bank	27,000	Ounces, at \$1.0125

Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia, Pa.

July 8, 1891.

Sir:

I will thank you to forward a statement of Silver delivered by Messrs. Messlage Colgate & Company on their sale of seventy-five thousand [75,000] ounces on the 19th ultimo at ninety-nine and nine tenths cents per ounce fine, and by Messrs. Handy & Hoffman on their sale of seventy-five thousand [75,000] ounces, same date at one dollar per ounce fine.

Respectfully yours,
 E. O. Leech
 Director of the Mint.

Telegram Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia, Penna.

July 8, 1891.

How long will it take you to prepare planchets and strike five hundred bronze medals for International Geological Congress after you receive dies. Medals about an inch in diameter. Answer by mail to-day.

E. O. Lusk.
 Director, Mint.

Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia, Pa.

July 8, 1891.

Sir:

Until further notice the purchasing rate of silver in lots of less than ten thousand [10,000] ounces will be one dollar and one cent [\$1.01] per ounce fine.

Respectfully yours,
 E. O. Lusk,
 Director of the Mint.

Supt. U. S. Mint
San Francisco, Cal.

July 8, 1891.

Sir:

I am advised by the Treasurer of the United States that he has transferred one million dollars [\$1,000,000] in uncurrent silver coin from the the Sub-Treasury in San Francisco to your Mint for coinage.

You will proceed to coin two hundred and fifty thousand dollars [\$250,000] of this amount in dimes, and the balance

in quarters with as little delay as possible.

Respectfully yours

E. O. Leech
Director of The Mint

July 8, 1891.

Telegram
Confirmed

Supt. U. S. Mint,

San Francisco, Cal.

Receive from Nevada Bank thirty-six thousand
ounces Silver: from Selby, Hurling and Dead
Company fifty thousand ounces at one hundred
and one cents per ounce fine: and from W.
Loiza and Company twenty-two thousand
ounces at one dollar, one, and one quarter
cents.

E. O. Leech

Director, Mint.

Travice in Charge, U. S. Assay Office, July 8, 1891.
St. Louis, Mo.

Sir:

In replying to your letter of the 6th instant,
regarding supplies for which no bids were
received, you will purchase them in the open
market, at the lowest market rates, as heretofore.

Respectfully yours,

E. O. Leech

Director of The Mint

A. M. Townsend, Esq.,

#50 Wall Street, New York City.

Sir:

Replying to your favor of the 6th, instant

relative to silver purchases, I would say that the local purchases, or what you call miscellaneous purchases, are given out weekly as you suggest, and that the daily purchases are telegraphed by the newspaper associations who have never been refused any information with regard to offers rejected.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint

Telegram Willis Sweet,
Moscow, Idaho.

July 8, 1891.

Have disapproved removal of Goat.

E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint

July 8, 1891.

Telegram Moore & Schley,
Confirmed 80 Broadway, New York.

Your offer of seventy thousand ounces at one dollar, one twenty-three hundredths cents accepted. Other declined.

E. O. Leech
Director, Mint.

July 8, 1891.

Telegram American Exchange National Bank,
Confirmed New York.

Your offer of twenty-seven thousand ounces at one dollar, one and one quarter cents, accepted. Others declined.

E. O. Leech, Director, Mint.

July 8, 1891.

Telegram Handy, + Harman,
Confirmed 24, Nassau Street, New York.

Your offer of two hundred and twenty thousand ounces at one dollar one, and one quarter cents, accepted. Other declined.

E. O. Leech
Director, Mint

July 8, 1891.

Telegram Clark, Dodge + Co.,
Confirmed 51 Wall Street, New York.

Your offer of one hundred thousand ounces at one dollar one and one quarter cents, accepted. Other declined.

E. O. Leech
Director, Mint.

July 8, 1891.

Telegram Anglo-California Bank,
Confirmed San Francisco, Cal.

Your offer declined.

E. O. Leech
Director, Mint.

Similar telegrams to:

I. + S. Wormser,
New York.

Heidelbach, Schelheimer + Co.,
New York

over

Consolidated Kansas City Smelting and Refining Company,
25 Nassau Street, New York.

Zimmermann & Forsay,
11 Wall Street, New York.

Isaac Brandon & Bros.,
New York.

Telegram
Confirmed

Fourth National Bank,
New York.

July 8, 1891

Your offer accepted.

E. O. Leech
 Director, Mint.

Similar telegrams to:

Boston & Colorado Smelting Company,
Denver, Colo.

W. Loiza & Co.,
San Francisco, Cal.

Nevada Bank,
San Francisco, Cal.

Silby Smelting and Lead Company,
San Francisco, Cal.

July 8, 1891

Telegram
Confirmed.

Laidlaw & Co.,
New York.

Your offer received at one forty-five P.M.,
 Not late for consideration.

E. O. Leech
 Director, Mint.

Telegram
Confirmed

Piza, Nephews & Co.
New York.

July 8, 1891.

Your offer received at two, forty-five, too late
for consideration.

E. O. Leech
Director, Mint.

Hon. Charles Foster,
Secretary of The Treasury,

July 9, 1891

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that a transfer
be made from the Bullion Fund of the U. S.
Mint at Denver, Colo to that of the U. S. Mint
at Philadelphia of the sum of Nine Hundred
and $\frac{9}{100}$ Dollars (\$900. $\frac{9}{100}$) in Gold Coin and Eight
 $\frac{66}{100}$ Dollars (\$8. $\frac{66}{100}$) in Silver Coin making a total
of Nine Hundred and Eight $\frac{7}{100}$ Dollars (\$908. $\frac{7}{100}$)
being the net value of Bullion heretofore forwarded
by the Assayer in Charge of the United States
Mint at Denver, as shown by Memorandum
No. 25 $\frac{1}{2}$ dated June 29, 1891, of Gold Bullion
deposited at said Mint.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech
Director.

Similar letter except as follows, to same address:

+	+	+	+	+
+	+	Fifty-eight Thousand Five Hundred and		
		Seventy-seven $\frac{66}{100}$ Dollars (\$58,577. $\frac{66}{100}$)	+	+
+		Seven Hundred and Sixty-five $\frac{83}{100}$ Dollars (\$765. $\frac{83}{100}$)		
		in Silver Coin	+	+
		Fifty-nine Thousand, Three		
		Hundred and Forty-three $\frac{49}{100}$ Dollars, (\$59,343. $\frac{49}{100}$)	+	
+	+	125	+	+

Chief Auditor,

July 9, 1891.

Treasury Department.

Sir:

I transmit herewith, for examination and settlement, the billion accounts of the Superintendent of the U. S. Assay Office at New York City for the Quarter ending, March 31, 1891, rendered to me for the purpose of adjustment as required by law.

Very respectfully,

E. O. Leech

Director of the Mint.

Assayer in Charge,

July 9, 1891

U. S. Assay Office,

Boise City, Idaho.

Sir:

Your requisition for funds to meet the expenses of your institution during the month of July, 1891, has been approved for the sum of \$1,069.60, payable from the following appropriations made for the support of your office during the current fiscal year, viz.:

Salaries,	1892	\$ 269.60
Wages of Workmen,	1892	800.00
Contingent Expenses,	1892	

Very respectfully,

E. O. Leech

Director.

Similar letters, except as follows, to:

Assayer in Charge, U. S. Assay Office,
Charlotte, N. C.

+	+	+	+	+	+	over
+	\$ 781.70	+	+	+	+	

Salaries,	1892,	\$ 231.70
Wages of Workmen,	1892,	
Contingent Expenses,	1892,	
		500.00

Assayer in Charge, U. S. Assay Office
Helena, Montana.

+	+	+	+	+	+
+	\$3,500	+		+	+
Salaries,	1892,	\$ 1000			
Wages of Workmen	1892,	1500			
Contingent Expenses	1892,	1000			

Assayer in Charge, U. S. Assay Office,
St. Louis, Mo.

+	+	+	+	+	+
+	\$49480	+		+	+
Salaries,	1892,	29480			
Wages of Workmen,	1892,				
Contingent Expenses,	1892,	20000			

Assayer in Charge, U. S. Assay Office,
New York.

+	+	+	+	+	+
+	\$17600.	+		+	+
Salaries,	1892,	\$5000			
Wages of Workmen,	1892,	3800			
Contingent Expenses,	1892,	800			
Parting & Refining		8000			

Sup. U. S. Mint
New Orleans, La.

+	+	+	+	+	+
+	\$13,066	+		+	Mint
Salaries	1892,	\$4000			
Wages of Workmen	1892,	6,166			
Contingent Expenses	1892,	2,900			

Subt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia.

+	+	+	+	+	+
+	\$43,500	+		+	Mint
Salaries		1892		\$5,000	
Wages of Workmen		1892		30,000	
Contingent Expenses		1892		6,000	
Parting & Refining bullion,				<u>2,500</u>	

Assayer in Charge, U. S. Mint
Denver Colo.

July 9, 1891.

Sir:

Deposit Memorandum No. 25, dated June 29, 1891 of Gold Bullion forwarded by you to the United States Mint at Philadelphia, Shipment No. 25 dated June 29, 1891, has been received and examined at this Bureau and the gross value was found to be \$59,492.³⁰ (charges \$148.⁸¹ and net value \$59,343.⁴⁹). For the latter amount a transfer has been requested from the bullion fund of your Institution to that of the United States Mint at Philadelphia.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech
Director.

Similar letter, except as follows, to same address:

+	+	+	No. 25 1/2	+	July 7	+	+
+	+	+	No. 25 1/2	+		+	+
+	+	+		+		+	
June 29, 1891,	+			+	\$908.97	+	
\$908.97	+	\$		+		+	
+	+	+		+		+	

July 9, 1891.

Assayer U. S. Mint,
Denver, Colo.

Sir:

Statements of Deposits and Purchases (Form No. 60) and Domestic Production (Form No. 61) are returned herewith for correction.

The amounts reported as the production of Oregon and Utah do not agree with the amounts reported monthly.

The coinage value of the silver has not been entered on the Statements.

Respectfully yours,

E. O. Leech
 Director of the Mint.

July 9, 1891.

Supt. U. S. Mint
New Orleans, La.

Sir:

Regarding your letter of the 11th ultimo relating to subvouchers of the La. N. & S. R. R., for transportation of coin during the quarter ending March 31, 1891, an additional disallowance of 20 cents will be made, as it seems impossible to get the correct subvouchers.

In future you will please not pay these charges to Houma, La. unless the correct vouchers accompany the bill.

Please collect this amount from the Express Co. and take it up in your Bullion Accounts for the quarter ending June 30, 1891.

Very respectfully,

E. O. Leech
 Director of the Mint.

Supt. U. S. Assay Office
New York.

July 9, 1891.

Sir:

I have examined and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement your billions accounts for the Quarter ending March 31st 1891, with my approval.

Very respectfully,
E. C. Leach,
Director.

Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia, Pa.

July 8, 1891.

Sir:

The following awards for supplies that will be required by your office during the current fiscal year, submitted in your letter of the first instant, are hereby approved, namely:

<u>Gimer & Amend.</u>	
Tartaric Acid	\$0.34 per lb.
Assay Flasks	2.10 " doz.
<u>Harrison Brothers and Co.</u>	
Nitric Acid 40 deg. B.	.04 1/2 " lb.
Oil Vitriol	.95 1/2 " "
Yellow Ochre	.07 " "
Paint Pots	2.45 " doz.
Sand paper	2.75 " ream
<u>Chas. Lennig & Co.</u>	
Muriatic acid 21 deg. B.	.01 per lb.
Nitrate of soda	.02 1/2 " "
<u>H. Landenberger.</u>	
Muriatic Acid, C. P.	.08 1/8 " "

H. Lachenberger (Contin'd)
 Nitric Acid, C.P. . 10 7/8 per lb.
 Bone Ash (Weaver's) . 16 1/4 " "
Roller & Shoemaker.

Alcohol 95% 82.30 per gal.
 Benzine . 18 " "
 Bone Black . 08 " lb.
 Gasoline . 22 " gal
 Parlor Matches (1000) 1.35 " gross
 Safety " 2.00 " "
 Pearl ash . 07 1/2 " lb.
 White Wash Brushes, Ex. No. 10 9.00 " doz.
 Corn Brooms 2.74 " "
 Feather Brushes 12 " 9.25 " "
 Floor Sweeps 9.50 " "
 Hand Dusters No. 3 7.50 " "
 Lard Oil . 49 1/2 " gal.
 Chrome Yellow . 13 " lb.
 Outside Varnish 1.50 " gal
 Detergine Soap . 06 7/10 " lb.
 Chamais Skins . 48 each
 Filtering paper 3.85 per ream
 Turpentine . 42 " gal.

Chas. Cooper & Co.
 Methylie 1.25 per gal.
 Fused Borax . 25 " lb.
 Bone Ash . 04 1/2 " "

J. R. Jordan & Bros.
 Portland Cement 2.87 1/2 per box
 Refined Borax . 09 1/2 " lb.
 Salt . 37 1/2 " br.
 Soda Ash . 01 7/10 " lb.
 Salt petre . 05 ⁴⁵/₁₀₀ " "

J. Friedenstein
 Bertha Spelter . 08 3/10 " "

over

Thos. G. Hood.

Hand Dust Brushes No. 5	\$ 4.67 per doz.
Pencil Brushes	1.08 " "
Crash	.07 ⁵⁵ / ₁₀₀ " yd.
Muslin $\frac{4}{4}$	.06 ² / ₁₀ " "
" Bonestoga	.19 ⁵⁰ / ₁₀₀ " "
Ficking	.07 ⁵ / ₁₀₀ " "
Buck Glaze, Womens'	3.97 " dg. prs.
Spittoons, Rubber 9"	8.90 " " "

H. L. Melms & Co.

Brushes Flat Varnish	3.60 per doz.
" Scrub W. G. No. 25	1.25 " "
Erinwechter & Wyeth.	
Brass Sheet	.25 per sheet
" Roll	.24 " roll
Belt Hooks, Copper	.30 " lb.
Rivets, Copper	.40
Lead, Pig,	.09
Iron, American Bar	.02 ² / ₁₀
" Sweden "	.04 ¹ / ₄
" Norway "	.05
" Galvanized	.08 ¹ / ₄
" Band	.03
Steel, Assorted Bar $\frac{8 \text{ d}}{1"} \frac{11 \text{ d}}{1\frac{1}{4}"} \frac{17 \text{ d}}{3\frac{1}{2}"} "$	.12 Average
" American Die	.08 per lb.
Files, Mill Saw	.63 $\frac{1}{2}$ \$ per doz.
Kasps 6" to 10"	1.47 $\frac{1}{2}$ \$3.07 " "

Rowland A. Robbins.

Copper Rolled	\$0.19 ² / ₁₀ per lb.
Lead Sheet	.05 ⁵ / ₁₀₀ " "
Twine No. 2 & 3	.08 $\frac{1}{2}$ \$1.2 $\frac{1}{2}$ per lb.
Copper Wire No. 6	.18 per lb.
Polishing Pomade	.24 " "
White Cotton Waste	.08 ¹ / ₁₀ " "

Downing Brothers.

Coal, Pea	2.54 " ton
-----------	------------

<u>Patrick & Lippett.</u>	
Stone Coal	\$ 4.47 per ton
Highland Broken for M. & R.	4.73 " "
<u>John R. Rowland.</u>	
Charcoal, Pine	.14 per lb.
" Oak	.14 1/2 " "
" Pulverized	.01 1/2 " lb.
" Granulated	.02 " "
<u>Benjamin Mith & Co.</u>	
Machine Steel	.03 per lb.
<u>Green & Linehan</u>	
Iron Castings	.02 3/8 " "
<u>H. C. Harper</u>	
Blankets	2.10 per pr.
Grigbams	.06 1/2 " yd.
Needles, Sharp's	1.04 3/4 " M.
Sponge Cloths	4.67 " gross
White Thread	.96 3/8 " lb.
Black Spools	.54 1/4 " doz.
White Stay Bindings	.14 1/4 " box
<u>E. Stanley Gary.</u>	
Duck 8 oz. double warp and filling	\$.08 3/4 per yd.
<u>H. Reinheimer.</u>	
Buck Gloves.	6.40 per doz. pr.
<u>James Robertson.</u>	
Buck Mitts No. 1	8.50 " " "
" " " 2	7.50 " " "
<u>Milville Lindsay.</u>	
Belting, Double 16 3 ply	1.62 ⁶⁴ / ₁₀₀ per ft.
Gaskets, Rubber	.15 " doz.
Gloves, Rubber Short Left Hand	.50 each
Mats Rubber	14.25 per doz.
Packing Rubber	.12 " lb.
<u>William Stowiler.</u>	
Belting Single 3/2	15.48 ⁴⁸ / ₁₀₀ per ft.
(over)	

Graton & Knight Mfg Co.

Beltting, Single	2	
"	2 1/2	\$.07 1/2 per ft.
"	3	.10 " "
"	4	.12 " "
"	4 1/2	.18 " "
"	5	.19 " "
"	5 1/2	.21 1/2 " "
"	6	.24 " "
"	7	.26 " "
"	8	.31 " "
"	Double, 2 1/2	.35 " "
"	4	.18 " "
"	5	.30 " "
"	6	.38 " "
"	7	.45 1/2 " "
"	10	.54 " "
"	12	.77 " "
"	12	.93 " "
Belt Coupling		.10 1/2 each
" Lacers		7.20 per 100 ft.

H. K. Vandusen.

Bricks, fire	27.50 per M.
" Spaving	20.00 per M.
" Stretcher	20.00 " M.
Tile, fire	.08 " 1000
Clay, fire	1.75 " bbl.

Robt. J. Taylor & Son.

Crucibles, Black Lead	.02 1/2 per No.
" Covers	.01 " "
" Stirrers	.50 each
" Dipping cups	.50 "
" Stools	.60 "
" Rings	.85 "

E. A. Hollis.

Axes	.75 each
Brass Fittings	50% to 75% discount from price list.

E. A. Hollis (continued)

Bolts, sq. heads asstd.	\$1.10 to 7.85 per 100
Brads asstd. See Proposal for full line prices.	.06 ⁹² / ₁₀₀ per lb.
Butts, Loose	.28 to \$1.37 per doz.
" Fast	.24 to 2.00 " "
Cast Steel wire	.17 to 30¢ per lb.
Copper Wire Rape	.09 to .14 ¹ / ₂ " ft.
Emory paper	.20 to .33 " quire
Fire shovels	7.20 to 9.20 per doz.
File Handles	.25 per doz.
Files, Stubs	1.19 to 2.17 per doz.
" Saw	.85 to 2.06 " "
Hammers	80.45 to .65 each
Hinges, Strap	.25 to 3.00 per doz.
" J	.45 to 2.00 " "
Hammer handles	.40 to .65 " "
Knobs, door, walnut	.12 ¹ / ₂ each
Locks, door	1.35 to 1.75 per doz.
" drawer	.60 to 4.00 " "
Rings, asstd.	.65 to 3.00 " gross
Sieves, Iron	.55 each
" brass	.80 to 1.00 each
Screws iron	.10 to .60 per gross
" brass	.27 to .97 " "
Plumbers' supplies 45 to 65 per cent discount from list	
Tacks, Sweden iron	.22 to 1.14 per doz. paper
Trowels	.90 to 1.00 each
Yale Closet locks	10.75 per doz.
" Drawer locks	7.25 " "
" Keys	2.90 " "
Washers	.06 to .08 per lb.
Grosus Cloth	.50 per quire
<u>Wm. P. Walters' Sons.</u>	
Cut Nails	\$2.20 to \$2.40 per Keg.
Emory Cloth	.55 per quire.

Shish hand bastard	
Galvanized buckets	\$4.20 per doz.
Half Hatchets	3.00 " "
Worm and boat hooks	.40 each
Tool Handles	.10 per doz.
Oilers, Pint	.35 - .51.25 per doz.
" " brass	2.75 per doz.
Key Blanks, large 15¢ Small 8¢	3.00 per doz.
Commercial Ice Company.	1 1/2 cwt. each.
Eastern Ice (per net ton)	\$5.00 per net ton
Chas. Lynch	
Specie Keys	0.80 each
" " Heads	.20 "
Stevenson Bros. & Co.	
Barrels for Sweeps	1.05 each
Elias Pohl.	
Lumber	
Ash Boards planed	59.00 per M. ft.
" Plank	90.00 " " "
Basswood	19.00 " " "
Cherry	125.00 " " "
Double fencing, White Pine No. 1.	42.00 " " "
" " " " " 2.	25.00 " " "
Flooring, Va. Pine, planed, No. 1.	24.00 " " "
" " " " " 1 1/2	24.00 " " "
Hemlock Joists planed	16.00 " " "
Poplar	45.00 " " "
Pine Laths	.30 " bundle
Redwood	75.00 " M. ft.
White Pine Panel	52.00 " " "
" " Boards No. 1.	36.00 " " "
" " " " 2.	20.00 " " "
" " " " 3.	17.00 " " "
" " Plank " 1	50.00 " " "
Walnut, planed 1/2 & 1 1/4	175.00 " " "
" " " 1 & 1 1/2	149.00 " " "

Elias Pohl (cont'd)

Yellow Pine Scauthing 2x3x4x4	\$27.00 per 100 ft.
" " Flooring, planed	31.00 " "
" " Fencing	27.00 " "
<u>Annie Black.</u>	

Mitts, Turnace	\$0.40 per pr.
" Tire	.25 " "

E. Hurlbut & Co.

Headlight oil	.08 1/4 per gal.
Lard	.08 1/2 " lb.

Collins Oil Co.

Engine oil	.24 per gal.
Mk. Farm	.18 " "
Cosmo Lubric	.25 " "

Vacuum Oil Co.

Red vacuum	.65 per gal.
------------	--------------

Oliver Parker.

Tallow	.06 1/4 per lb.
Castile Soap	.13 " "
Sapalia	.80 " doz.
Soap Powder	.36 " "

Robert J. Kelly.

Chrome Green	.10 per lb.
Putty	.01 1/10 " "
Bronze Green	.10 " "
White Lead	.08 3/4 " "
" Zinc	.05 " "
Copal Varnish	.68 " "

Town & Prother.

Long right hand rubber gloves	.78 1/8 each
-------------------------------	--------------

William Heaton.

Mitts (Rubber) double thumb and pads	\$16.60 per doz.
--------------------------------------	------------------

G. W. Forst.

Borax soap	.07 per lb.
Sand	.03 1/2 " "

over

John M. Malloy's Sons.

Two Buckets	\$1.75 per doz.
Pint Cups	.50 " "
Half Pint Cups	.25 " "
Dust Pans	.75 " "
Boxes and Lids	.50 " "
Square Pans	9.00 " "
Large Round Pans	6.00 " "
Small " "	3.00 " "
Quart Oilers	3.50 " "

Andrew & Bryant
Oak Wood 5.80 per cord

R. Patterson & Sons.
Bar Sand 1.20 per load
Lime .24 " bu.

George Alcorn
Hauling .50 per load

Respectfully yours
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint

July 9, 1891.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
San Francisco.

Sir:

C. D. No. 9 for \$0.⁰⁵, being an account of Alloy Chgs. Gp. indg. June 2, 1891, inclosed in your communication of the Mint, has been received properly inclosed, and forwarded to the Secretary of the Treasury, personal credit to be given you in your billion accounts, and the amount to be covered into the Treasury, as a miscellaneous receipt.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech, Director.

Similar letter, except as follows, to same address:

C. D. No. 10 for \$41.81 + + + Part's & Refining Chgs.
+ + + to the credit of the appropriation for pasting and refining bullion.

July 9, 1891.

Telegram W. E. Morgan,
Mint, San Francisco.

Return by way of Helena.
 Have been laid up with rheumatism in leg
 for week, unable to walk. Sick ever since you left.
 Take your time and enjoy yourself.
 E. O. Leech
 Director.

July 10, 1891

Hon. Charles Foster,
Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that a transfer be
 made from the Bullion Fund of the U. S. Assay
 Office at Boise City, to that of the U. S. Mint
 at Philadelphia, of the sum of Thirty-four Thousand
 Nine Hundred and Twenty⁷⁸/₁₀₀ Dollars (\$34,920⁷⁸/₁₀₀)
 in Gold Coin and Three Hundred and Ninety-one
²²/₁₀₀ Dollars (\$391²²/₁₀₀) in Silver Coin making a
 total of Thirty-five Thousand Three Hundred
 and Twelve⁰⁰/₁₀₀ Dollars, (\$35,312⁰⁰/₁₀₀) being
 the net value of Bullion heretofore forwarded by the
 Assayer in Charge of the United States Assay Office
 at Boise City, as shown by Memorandum No. 27
 dated June 30, 1891, of Gold Bullion deposited at
 Mint.

Very respectfully,

E. O. Leech, Director.

Similar letter except as follows, to same address:

+ + + St. Louis + + +

Fifteen Thousand Four Hundred and
 Seventy-eight¹²/₁₀₀ Dollars, (\$15,478¹²/₁₀₀) + + + Two
 Hundred and Seventy-two⁰⁸/₁₀₀ (\$272⁰⁸/₁₀₀) + + +

+ + + + Fifteen Thousand, Seven Hundred and
 Fifty $\frac{20}{100}$ Dollars, ($\$15,750.\frac{20}{100}$) + + + +
 + St. Louis + + + No. 145 + July 7, 1891
 + + + + +

Assayer in Charge, U. S. Assay Office July 10, 1891.
Boise City, Idaho.

Sir:

Deposit Memorandum No. 27 dated July 7, 1891,
 of Gold Bullion forwarded by you to the United
 States Mint at Philadelphia, Shipment
 No. 27 dated June 30, 1891, has been received and
 examined at this Bureau, and the gross value
 was found to be $\$35,401.\frac{05}{100}$, Charges $\$89.\frac{25}{100}$,
 and net value $\$35,312.\frac{00}{100}$. For the latter
 amount a transfer has been requested from
 the bullion fund of your Institution to that
 of the United States Mint at Philadelphia.

Very respectfully,

E. C. Leech
 Director.

Similar letter, except as follows, to:

Assayer in Charge, U. S. Assay Office,
St. Louis, Mo.

+ + + + + No. 145
 + No. 145 + July 7, 1891 + + + +
 + June 30, 1891 + + + + \$15,794. $\frac{31}{100}$
 + \$44. $\frac{11}{100}$, + + + + \$15,750. $\frac{20}{100}$ + + + +
 + + + + +

July 10, 1891.

Telegram Supt. U. S. Mint
Confirmed Carson City, Nevada.

Reduce purchasing rate of silver to one dollar,
one-half cent per ounce fine.

E. O. Leech
Director, Mint.

Similar telegrams to:

Supt. U. S. Mint
New Orleans, La.

Supt. U. S. Mint
San Francisco, Cal.

Assayer, U. S. Assay Office,
Charlotte, N. C.

July 10, 1891.

Sir:

Herewith returned for correction Assay certificate
#125 for Gold deposited, which shows Gold fineness
.819, Silver .619. On your Abstract sheet the
Gold fineness for this deposit is .819, Silver .169.

Very respectfully,

E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

Assayer in Charge, U. S. Assay Office,
Charlotte, N. C.

July 10, 1891.

Sir:

C.D. No. 911 for 24⁰⁰ being on account of
unexpended balance of Wages and Contingent
expenses 1891, inclosed in your communication

of the June 30th has been received, properly indorsed, and forwarded to the Secretary of the Treasury, personal credit to be given you in your Ordinary Accounts, and the amount to be covered into the Treasury, as a repayment to the credit of the above appropriation.

Respectfully yours, E. O. Leech
Director.

Two (2) Similar letters, except as follows, to:

Assayer in Charge, U. S. Mint,
Denver, Colo.

C. D. No. 9144 for \$43.75 + + + unexpended
balance of wages of workmen of your Mint for 1891
+ + + + 30th ultimo, + +
+ + + + + + +

C. D. No. 9145 for \$15.07 + + + + unexpended
balance of Contingent Expenses, 1891, + + + +
+ 30th ultimo, + + + +
as a repayment to the credit of the above appropriation.

Similar letter except as follows, to:

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

C. D. No. 7952 for \$12.28 + + + unexpended
balance of wages of workmen 1891, + + +
+ 9th instant + + + + +
+ as a repayment to the credit of the
above appropriation.

Assayer in Charge U. S. Mint July 10, 1891.
Denver, Colo.

Sir:

The following described bills were paid at the Department from your appropriation for Contingent Expenses, during the fiscal year 1891, as shown by the books of this Bureau. If this list should differ from your accounts, please advise promptly.

Department bill for Stationery	\$ 47.38
O. & N. R. R. for transportation in Sept. 1890	4.03
Rev. Marine Divin. for flag furnished your Mint	10.00
Hon. & S. P. R. R. transportation in Sept. 1890	2.33
"The Atchison Topeka & Santa Fe" " " " (Stationery)	2.33
Respectfully yours	5.21

E. O. Leech

Director.

Assayer in Charge U. S. Mint July 10, 1891
Denver, Colo.

Sir:

Your requisition for funds to meet the Expenses of your institution during the month of July 1891, has been approved for the sum of \$2800.00 payable from the following appropriations made for the support of your Mint during the current fiscal year, viz:

Salaries	1892	\$ 1200.00
Wages of Workmen	1892	1400.00
Contingent Expenses	1892	200.00

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech
Director.

Supt. U. S. Mint

July 10th 1891.

Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Purchases of Silver Bullion under the provisions of the Act of July 14, 1890, have been made this day by the Secretary of the Treasury, for delivery at your Mint of the following parties, at the rates and for the amounts respectively named, which you will receive and pay for by draft on the Assistant Treasurer at New York, payable in Treasury notes:

Cash Camera City, S. & L. Co.	60,000 Ounces, at \$ 1.0075-
Fourth National Bank	39,000 Ounces, at \$ 1.0075-
Handy & Harman	50,000 Ounces, at \$ 1.0075-
Handy & Harman	100,000 Ounces, at \$ 1.0080
Handy & Harman	50,000 Ounces, at \$ 1.0085-
Zimmermann & Torshay	50,000 Ounces, at \$ 1.0085-
Clark, Dodge & Co.	100,000 Ounces, at \$ 1.00875-

Respectfully yours,

E. O. Leech

Director of the Mint.

July 10, 1891

Telegram

Supt. Mint

Philadelphia.

Secretary appointed following gentlemen today to select site for new Mint, viz: Hittler, Thompson, Drexel, McClure, Waidman, Lingerly, and yourself.

E. O. Leech, Director

July 10, 1891

Supt. U. S. Mint

Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

The following is a list of the gentlemen designated

by the Secretary, to recommend a suitable site for the new Mint at Philadelphia. Hon. E. H. Tittler, Samuel Gustave Thompson, Anthony J. Drexel, William M. Singerly, James H. Windrum and Alexander K. McChure, and yourself.

You will please confer with them on the subject, and place yourself and the Mint at their disposal, as far as may be necessary.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia, Pa.

July 10, 1891.

Sir:

In your Bullion Accounts for the quarter ending March 31, 1891, the Gold Coin transferred from the U. S. Treasurer for recoinage should have been carried direct from your "Bullion Fund" to "Gold Bullion" and not taken up in your "Deposit and Purchase Account."

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia, Pa.

July 10, 1891.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your Ordinary Refinery and Coinage of Silver Bullion Accounts, with Abstracts and Vouchers, for the month ending June 30, 1891.

Very respectfully,

E. O. Leech
Director.

Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia, Penna.

July 10, 1891.

Sir:

Until further notice the purchasing rate of silver in lots of less than ten thousand [10,000] ounces will be one dollar, one-half cent per ounce fine.

Respectfully yours,
 E. O. Leech
 Director of the Mint.

Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia, Pa.

July 10, 1891.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of a package of pay-rolls of employes pertaining to your accounts for the month of May, last.

Respectfully yours,
 E. O. Leech
 Director.

Ivan C. Nichols, Esq.
Washington, D.C.

July 10, 1891.

My dear Sir:

Replying to your letter of this date, I would say that I have no returns in regard to lead production except such as are published in my report on the Production of the Precious Metals.

As you are aware, I have nothing to do with the collection of the statistics of the product of lead, but I print in my reports such information as the Superintendents furnish incidental to the production of

the precious metals. You can probably obtain the information that you wish from the Geological Survey, but I do not think you can obtain the product by mines from any bureau of the Government.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint

July 10, 1891.

Telegram
Confirmed

Hon. William M. Stewart
Hoffman House, New York.

About seventy million dollars.

E. O. Leech
Director, Mint.

Telegram
Confirmed

July 10, 1891.

Clark, Dodge & Co.
57, Wall Street, New York.

Your offer of one hundred thousand ounces at one dollar seven-eighths cents, accepted.
Other declined.

E. O. Leech
Director, Mint.

Telegram
Confirmed

July 10, 1891.

Laidlaw & Co.
New York.

Your offer on behalf of Bank of California, declined.

E. O. Leech
Director, Mint.

Telegram
Confirmed

July 10, 1891.
Consolidated Kansas City Smelting and Refining Co.,
20, Nassau Street, New York.

Your offer accepted.

E. O. Leach
Director, Mint.

Similar telegrams to:

Fourth National Bank,
New York.

Grimmermann & Forsberg,
11 Wall Street, New York.

Handy & Harman,
24 Nassau Street,
New York.

+ offers +

Telegram
Confirmed

July 10, 1891.
American Exchange National Bank,
New York.

Your offer declined.

E. O. Leach
Director, Mint.

Similar telegrams to:

{ Anglo-California Bank, }
{ San Francisco, California. }

{ Piza, Nephews & Co. }
{ New York. }

{ Selly Smelting and Lead Company }
{ San Francisco, California }

{ Pennsylvania Company for Insurance on Lives & Granting Annuities }
{ 577 Chestnut Street, Philadelphia, Penna. }

Telegram Moore & Schley,
Confirmed 80, Broadway, New York.

July 10, 1891.

Your offers declined.

E. O. Leech,
Director, Mint.

To the Treasurer of the United States, July 11, 1891
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of this date, advising me of the transfer of one million dollars [\$1,000,000] in obsolescent silver half dollars from the New York sub-treasury to the Mint at Philadelphia for re-coining into, say, \$500,000 in dimes and \$500,000 in quarters.

I have instructed the Superintendent of the Mint at Philadelphia to proceed to make this coinage as early as practicable.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech,
Director of the Mint.

Hon. Charles Foster,

July 11, 1891.

Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that the Bullion Fund of the United States Assay Office at Charlotte be increased in the sum of Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$20,000) by a transfer of that amount in lawful money, and that the same be placed to the credit of

the Assayer in Charge of said institution with
the Assistant Treasurer U.S. at New York.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech,
Director of the Mint.

Assayer, U.S. Assay Office,
Charlotte, N.C.

July 11, 1891.

Sir:

I have requested that the Bullion Fund of
your institution be increased by a transfer of
Twenty Thousand Dollars, (\$20,000) and
that the same be placed to your credit with
the Assistant Treasurer of the United States
at New York.

Respectfully yours
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

Honorable Levi O. Morton,
Birch Island,
Paul Smith's, New York, N.Y.

July 11, 1891.

Sir:

Acknowledging the receipt of your Communica-
tion of the 6th instant, relative to the removal
of Miss Burns from the Mint at San Francisco, I
would say that owing to the suspension of the
coinage of silver dollars on the first instant,
it was necessary to reduce the force of the
mints within regular appropriations, and
among those who were suspended without pay
was Miss Burns. Immediately, however, upon
the receipt of her suspension, several days
before your letter reached me, I promptly

disapproved the action of the Superintendent,
and ordered him to reinstate Miss Burns without
loss of pay, which I presume he has done.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

July 11, 1891

Wm B. McGreey, Esq.,

U. S. Consul,

Valparaiso, Chili.

Sir:

The following Reports of the Director of the
Mint have been mailed to J. Thendeburg,
this day, as requested in your letter of the
1st instant.

Fiscal 1889 and 1890;

Precious Metals 1889 and 1890.

Respectfully yours,

E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

July 13, 1891.

Hon. Charles Foster,

Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that a transfer be
made from the Bullion Fund of the U. S.
Assay Office at Helena, Mont. to that of
the U. S. Mint at Philadelphia of the sum
of Forty-eight Thousand Two Hundred and
Seventy-seven $\frac{47}{100}$ Dollars, (\$48,277. $\frac{47}{100}$) in
Gold Coin and Eight Hundred and Four $\frac{32}{100}$
Dollars (\$804. $\frac{32}{100}$) in Silver Coin, making a
total of Forty-nine Thousand and Eighty-one
 $\frac{79}{100}$ Dollars (\$49,081. $\frac{79}{100}$) being the net value

of Bullion heretofore forwarded by the Assayer in charge of the United States Assay Office at Helena as shown by Memorandum No. 31 dated July 8, 1891, of Gold Bullion deposited at said Mint.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leach
Director.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Carson.

July 13, 1891.

Sir.

C. D. No 496, for $\$43.63$, being on account of Alloy Chgs. Cr. endg June 30, 1891, inclosed in your communication of the 7th inst, has been received, properly inclosed, and forwarded to the Secretary of the Treasury, personal credit to be given you in your bullion accounts, and the amount to be covered into the Treasury as a miscellaneous receipt.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leach
Director.

2 Similar letters exph as follows, to same address:
C. D. No. 495, for $\$9801.167$ + + + Parting & Refining Chgs., Cr. endg June 30, 1891, + + +
+ + + to the credit of the appropriation for parting & refining bullion.

C. D. No. 498 + $\$848.70$, + + + Bullion Assays, sale old material & By products, Cr. endg June 30, 91
+ + + no personal credit +
+ + + as a miscellaneous receipt.

July 13, 1891.

Assayer in Charge,
Denver.

Sir:

C. D. No. 9174 for \$1673.⁹⁸, + + + Gain on Charge,
Collected Fiscal year endg. June 30, 91 inclosed in
your communication of the 9 inst. has been
received properly inclosed, and forwarded to the
Secretary of the Treasury, personal credit to
be given you in your bullion accounts,
and the amount to be covered into the
Treasury, as a miscellaneous receipt.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director.

Similar letter except as follows, to same address:

C. D. No. 9175 + \$19.⁷⁸, + + + Gain in
value of Bullion ship't. Mint. Fiscal year endg.
June 30, 1891 + + + + +
+ + + + +

July 13, 1891.

Assayer in Charge,
Charlotte.

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your
bullion Accounts, with Abstracts and Vouchers for
the Quarter ending June 30, 1891.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech
Director.

Similar letters to:

Assayer in Charge,
Denver

Assayer in Charge
Helena.

Hon. Charles Foster

July 13, 1891

Secretary of the Treasury.
Sir:

It is respectfully requested that the Bullion Fund of the United States Mint at Philadelphia be increased in the sum of Three Million Dollars (\$3,000,000.) by a transfer of that amount in Treasury Notes, and that the same be placed to the credit of the Superintendent of said institution with the Assistant Treasurer U.S. at New York in Treasury Notes.

Respectfully yours,

E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

July 13, 1891.
Assayer in Charge U.S. Assay Office,
Bolton, Mont.

Sir:

Deposit Memorandum No. 31, dated July 8, 1891, of Gold Bullion forwarded by you to the United States Mint at Philadelphia Shipment No. 31, dated June 30, 1891, has been received and examined at this Bureau and the gross value was found to be \$49,999.⁷⁷/₁₀₀, charges \$117.⁹⁸/₁₀₀, and net value \$49,081.⁷⁹/₁₀₀. For the latter amount a transfer has been requested from the Bullion Fund of your Institution to that of the United States Mint at Philadelphia.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech
Director.

July 13th, 1891.

Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia.

Sir:

Purchases of Silver Bullion under the provisions of the Act of July 14, 1890, have been made this day by the Secretary of the Treasury for delivery at your Mint of the following parties at the rates and for the amounts respectively named which you will receive and pay for by draft on the Assistant Treasurer at New York, payable in Treasury notes:

Consolidated Kansas City,
 Smelting & Refining Co. 50,000 Ounces, at \$1.0075
 Newlage, Colgate & Co. 50,000 Ounces, at \$1.0080
 Pigg Nephews & Co. 45,000 Ounces, at \$1.0075

Respectfully yours,
 E. O. Leech
 Director of the Mint.

July 13, 1891.

Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I transmit herewith Treasury draft No. 33,939 for thirty one dollars and ninety-five cents [\$31.95] the same being in payment of your account for three Silver Indian Peace Medals for the Department of the Interior, forwarded this Bureau March 11, 1891.
 I also inclose medal fund voucher signed in duplicate.

Respectfully yours,
 E. O. Leech
 Director of the Mint.

Sup't U. S. Mint
Philadelphia, Pa.

July 13, 1891.

Sir:

Referring to your Ordinary account for the month of June, your attention is called to the fact that the pay-roll of officers and Clerks is omitted from the same. I will thank you to cause it to be forwarded without delay.

Respectfully yours,
 E. O. Leech
 Director of the Mint.

Ellis H. Roberts, Esq.
Office of Assistant Treasurer U.S.
New York City.

July 13, 1891.

Sir:

Replying to your note of the 11th instant, I would say that the Product of the Broken Hill Company, of New South Wales, has fallen off on account of lack of water to work machinery. It is not believed that the output will be as large as ten million [10,000,000] ounces which was about the product last year. It is probable the product of Silver in Australia this year will be somewhere about nine million [9,000,000] ounces, although it may be more.

Very truly yours,

E. O. Leech
 Director of the Mint.

July 13, 1891

Hon. R. Q. MillsHouse of Representatives.Washington D.C.

Dear Mr. Mills:

I send you herewith the statement that you asked for, showing approximately the stock of money in circulation in the world and the value of the Silver as compared with our Silver dollar.

Of course, as you are well aware, many of the estimates of the stock are mere guesses but they are the best guesses on the subject. I regret that I was not able to forward it sooner but there was considerable clerical work in making the calculations.

Very respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech

Director of the Mint.

July 13, 1891

Professor F. W. LussigBox 116South West Harbor, Maine.

My dear Professor:

Acknowledging the receipt of your communication of the 10th instant, it affords me great pleasure to send you today the document you wish.

Very truly yours

E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

Telegram
Confirmed Sup^r U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

July 13, 1891.

Receive from Selby Smelting and Lead Company
fifty thousand ounces silver at one dollar, three-
fourths cents per ounce fine.

E. O. Leech
Director, Mint.

Telegram
Confirmed Message Colgate & Co.
29 Wall Street, New York.

July 13, 1891.

Your offer of fifty thousand ounces at one
dollar, eight-tenths cents, accepted. Offer
declined.

E. O. Leech
Director, Mint.

Telegram
Confirmed Selby Smelting and Lead Company,
San Francisco, Cal.

July 13, 1891.

Your offer accepted.

E. O. Leech
Director, Mint.

Similar telegrams to:

Telegram
Confirmed Consolidated Kansas City Smelting and Refining Co.,
20, Nassau Street, New York.

Piza, Nephews & Co.
New York.

July 13, 1891.

Telegram
ConfirmedAnglo-California Bank
San Francisco, Cal.

Your offer declined.

E. O. Leech
Director, Mint.Similar telegrams to:
American Exchange National Bank.
New York.Boston + Colorado Smelting Company,
Denver, Colo.Heidelbach, Lelkeheimer + Co.
New York.Clark Dodge + Co.
51 Wall Street, New York.

+ offers +

Handy + Harman,
24, Nassau Street, New York.

+ offers +

Zimmermann + Forchay,
11 Wall Street, New York.

+ offers +

Supt. U. S. Mint,

July 13, 1891.

Sir: Carson City, Nevada.

I return herewith the awards for supplies submitted in your letter of the 6th instant. You will make up an alphabetical schedule of the supplies for which bids were invited and received giving the name of the bidder opposite the article and the price, indicating in a column its acceptance or rejection.

Your attention is also called to Paragraph 6, Article 26, page 80, Instructions and Regulations, which requires the awards made by you to be attested by one or more of the operative officers. Your early attention is requested.

Respectfully yours,
E. W. Leech
Director of the Mint.

Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia, Pa.

July 13, 1891.

Sir:

I have requested that the Bullion Fund of your institution be increased by a transfer of three million dollars (\$3,000,000) and that the same be placed to your credit with the Assistant Treasurer of the United States at New York, in Treasury Notes.

Respectfully yours,
E. W. Leech
Director of the Mint.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

July 13, 1891.

Sir:

You will please cause to be struck and forwarded to this Bureau as early as practicable one silver life saving medal, with case, &c. for the same.

You will render your account upon the enclosed blank voucher.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

July 13, 1891.

Telegram
Confirmed

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Penna.

You are authorized to receive from Piza, Nephews and Company, forty-six hundred ounces additional on their sale of thirteenth instant at one dollar, three-quarters cents per ounce fine.

E. O. Leech
Director, Mint.

July 13, 1891.

Messrs. Piza, Nephews & Co.,
No. 18 Broadway
New York City.

Gentlemen:

I am informed by the Superintendent of the Philadelphia Mint that you shipped forty-six hundred (4,600) ounces of silver in excess of your sale of the 13th instant at one dollar and three quarter cents per

once fine. I have instructed the Superintendent of the Mint to receive the silver, but in future you must confine yourself to an amount approximating that sold, otherwise the excess will be returned to you at your expense.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

July 14, 1891.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Carson, Nev.

Sir:

I have today requested the Secretary of the Treasury to cause to be advanced you the sum of \$1,000. from the appropriation for the "Coinage of Silver Bullion" Act, July 14, 1891, to meet in part the expense of that coinage at your mint during the current month.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director.

July 14, 1891

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Carson, Nev.

Sir:

I have requested the Secretary of the Treasury to cause to be advanced you the sum of \$1,500, to meet the expenses of the refinery in connection with your institution during the present month, payable from the appropriation for "Minting and refining Bullion."

Very respectfully, E. O. Leech, Director.

Similar letter, except as noted on next page, &c.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

+	+	+	+	+	+
L	\$ 5000.00	+	+	+	+
+	+	+	+	+	+

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Carson, Nev.

July 14, 1891.

Sir:

Your requisition for funds to meet the expenses of your institution during the month of July, 1891, has been approved for the sum of \$10,000.00, payable from the following appropriations made for the support of your Mint during the current fiscal year, viz:

Salaries,	1892,	\$ 2,500
Wages of Workmen,	1892,	5,000
Contingent Expenses,	1892,	2,500

Very respectfully,
E. C. Leech
Director,

Similar letter, except as follows, to:

Supt. U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

+	+	+	+	+	+
+	\$22,500,	payable from the following	+	+	+
+	appropriations made for the support of your	+	+	+	+
+	Mint during the current fiscal year, viz:	+	+	+	+

Salaries	1892,	\$4000
Wages of Workmen,	1892,	14500
Contingent Expenses,	1892,	4000

Supt. U. S. Mint,

July 14, 1891.

Sir:

Philadelphia, Pa.

Referring to the pay-roll of the General department of your Mint for the month of May, I find that Chas. H. Robinson, Captain of the night watch, has signed his name without the initial "F". I will thank you to cause him to sign a separate receipt for the amount paid him, \$108.50, to be forwarded for file with the account.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director.

Supt. U. S. Mint,

July 14, 1891.

Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

As requested in your letter of the 13th instant, the following corrections are made in my approval of your award for supplies, viz:
"William Beaton, Short Left Hand Gloves, Rubber, 660 bndg."
"Einwechter & Wyeth, Rolland Sheet Iron, per pound, instead of per roll."

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

July 14, 1891.

Telegram.

Supt. Mint,

San Francisco.

You should pursue the same course as heretofore unless you know of some reason

& the contrary. You might occasionally meet
 one as a matter of safety without charge.
 E. O. Leech
 Director.

Assayer, U. S. Assay Office,
Charlotte, N. C.

July 15, 1891.

Sir:

Please forward without delay your statement
 of Earnings and Expenditures for the Quarter
 ended June 30, 1891.

Very respectfully,
 E. O. Leech
 Director of the Mint.

Assayer in Charge, U. S. Mint
Denver, Colo.

July 15, 1891

Sir:

I have approved and referred to the proper accounting
 officers of the Department for examination and settlement
 a bill of the Denver Republican for printing adver-
 -tisement for proposals for supplies for the current
 fiscal year, amounting to \$12.60 payable from the
 appropriation for Contingent Expenses of
 your mint fiscal year 1891.

Very respectfully,
 E. O. Leech
 Director.

Sup't. U. S. Mint,
New Orleans, La.

July 15, 1891

How about dimes? Treasury is pressed for

Telegram
 Confirmed

them. You have transfer orders for eighty-five thousand dollars to fill. What are you doing in the matter? Telegraph fully.

E. O. Leech
Director Mint.

Sup't, U. S. Mint
Philadelphia, Pa.

July 15, 1891.

Sir:

In examining your Bullion and Coin accounts for the quarter ended March 31, 1891, I find that you have transferred direct from your Bullion Fund account to your Gold Coin account \$32,173.95, net proceeds of uncurrent gold coin received from the Treasurer for recoinage, and at the same time you have taken it up in your Deposit account, charged Gold Bullion with it, taken credit for it in your Gold Bullion account as having been made into Gold Coin, and again charged the amount to your Gold Coin account in the item of \$482,400, while you have taken credit for the amount as having been paid in the item of \$276,207.49, although as a matter of fact it was not paid during the quarter, and had not been transferred from your Bullion Fund at the close of the quarter. You have charged the amount twice to your Gold Coin account, in the first place, erroneously, by making the entry direct from your Bullion Fund account to your Coin account instead of making the entry from your Bullion Fund account to your Gold Bullion account, and in order to correct this error you have taken credit with it

as a payment when as a matter of fact
your Bullion Fund account shows that it
remains unpaid.

You will please explain this error at your
earliest convenience.

Respectfully yours
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

July 15, 1891.

Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

In instructing the gentlemen who represented
this Bureau at the Annual Settlement at your
Mint on the 30th ultimo, I told them that they
would give you credit in the Count of your
funds, for the Silver Bars stored in the
vaults under the custody of Mr. Gross, at
the amount reported to them by him. To my
surprise, they report that no record has
been kept of the amount of silver con-
tained in the bars, either in fine ounces
or in standard ounces.

As their report is used by the Accounting
Officers to check the balances reported in
your Bullion accounts of June 30th, it is
absolutely necessary that they should
report the actual amount of silver in
your possession. This, of course, can only be
reported in fine ounces or in standard
ounces as you take it up in your accounts.

You will therefore have prepared at once, an
exact statement of the number, gross weight,
fineness and either standard or fineweight
of the bars stored under the custody of Mr. Gross.

and all this data will be entered upon the book of record of such bars.

The list to be furnished this Bureau will only comprise the bars on hand on June 30, but thereafter the vault book will show this information right along.

The calculations should be made by the regular calculating Clerks of the Mint, that is, by two independent persons, and not by Mr. Gross or the other gentleman associated with him whose duty it is simply to see what the bars actually weigh and that they are safely stored.

You will please have this done at the earliest possible moment regardless of the amount of labor involved, as it is absolutely necessary to complete the report of the examiners.

You will understand that it is not the amount of silver contained in the bars as received, which is to be reported, but the amount contained in each bar stored.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

July 15, 1891.

Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Purchases of Silver Bullion under the provisions of the Act of July 14, 1890, have been made this day by the Secretary of the Treasury, for delivery at your Mint by the following parties, at the rates and for the amounts respectively named, which

you will receive and pay for by draft on the
Assistant Treasurer at New York, payable
in Treasury notes:

Heidelbach, Ickelheimer & Co.	35,000 Ounces, at \$1.0140
Handy & Harman	25,000 Ounces, at \$1.0125
Handy & Harman	75,000 Ounces, at \$1.0135
Handy & Harman	20,000 Ounces, at \$1.01375
Handy & Harman	20,000 Ounces, at \$1.0140
Clark Dodge & Co.	100,000 Ounces, at \$1.01375

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

July 15, 1891.

Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Immediately upon receipt of your telegram of
today in relation to remittance of \$7500 from
your appropriation for contingent expenses for
1891, I caused inquiry to be made and find
that draft No. 37453 was drawn in your
favor for the amount and mailed you
on the 29th of June. The draft has probably
been mislaid in your office, at all events I
will thank you to cause careful search
to be made and report result.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director.

July 15, 1891.

Telegram
Supt. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Treasury pressing for dimes when can

you let him have some and how many, Answer.
E. O. Leech,
Director.

Telegram
Confirmed. Sup't. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia, Penna.

July 15, 1891.

Draft was mailed you on twenty-ninth of June.
Make thorough search. Probably lost.
E. O. Leech
Director, Mint.

Telegram
Confirmed. Sup't. U. S. Mint
San Francisco, Cal.

July 15, 1891.

Receive from Anglo-California Bank fifty,
thousand ounces silver at one dollar, one and
one-tenth cents per ounce fine.
E. O. Leech
Director, Mint.

Telegram
Confirmed. Handy W. Harman,
24 Nassau Street, New York.

July 15, 1891.

Your offers of twenty-five thousand ounces at
one dollar, one and one quarter cents, twenty-
five thousand ounces at one dollar, one and thirty-
five hundredths cents, twenty thousand ounces at one
dollar, one and three eighths cents, twenty thousand
ounces at one dollar, one and four tenths
cents, accepted. Other declined.
E. O. Leech
Director, Mint.

July 15, 1891.

Telegram
Confirmed Heidelbach Lickelheimer & Co.,
New York.

Your offer of thirty-five thousand ounces at
one dollar one and four tenths cents, accepted.
Other declined.

E. O. Leech
Director, Mint.

Telegram
Confirmed Anglo-California Bank,
San Francisco, Cal. July 15, 1891

Your offer accepted.

E. O. Leech
Director, Mint.

Telegram
Confirmed Nusslage, Volgate & Co.,
29, Wall Street, New York. July 15, 1891.

Your offers declined.

E. O. Leech
Director, Mint.

Similar telegrams to:

Zimmermann & Foshay,
11, Wall Street, New York.

Boston & Colorado Smelting Company,
Denver, Colorado.

+ offer +

Telegram
Confirmed

Clark Dodge & Co.,
51, Wall Street, New York.

July 15, 1891.

Your offer of one hundred thousand ounces at one dollar one and three eighths cents, accepted. Other declined.

E. O. Leech
Director, Mint.

Assayer in Charge, U. S. Assay Office,
Charlotte, N. C.

July 16, 1891.

Sir:

I have approved and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement a bill of the Stationery division, Treasury Department for Stationery shipped you on the 19th of May last, amounting to \$18.578 payable from the appropriation for Wages and Contingent Expenses of your office, 1892.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech
Director.

Supt. U. S. Assay Office,
New York City.

July 16, 1891.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your Ordinary and Refinery expense Accounts, with Abstracts and Vouchers for the month ending July 16, 1891.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech, Director.

July 16, 1891.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
New Orleans, La.

Sir:

The purchases of silver bullion by the Department under the Act of July 14, 1890, should be run into fine bars of the weight of from 1,000 to 1,200 ounces, with the exact weight and fineness stamped on each and safely stored away in suitable vaults. A record should be kept of the number weight and fineness of each bar and the number of ounces of fine silver contained in each. In order to prevent frequent re-weighings of these bars I adopted the plan ^{at} of the Mint at Philadelphia of having a personal representative, appointed by myself, to have charge, in conjunction with a representative of the Superintendent of the storage of the bars not intended for coinage purposes. This prevents the re-weighing of these bars at the annual settlements, as the record of my representative is taken.

The vault in which the bars are stored is never opened, in fact, cannot be opened, without his presence. It may be necessary at some future time to adopt this course at your Mint. I have not done so as yet for the reason that most of the silver purchased under the act named has been coined, but as the coinage of silver dollars from bullion purchased under the act of July 14, 1890, is at present suspended, it may be desirable unless it is resumed to adopt this plan at your Mint. In the meantime, you will pursue the course indicated in the first part of this letter.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

Similar letter to:

Supt. U. S. Mint
San Francisco, Cal.

Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia, Pa.

July 16, 1891.

Sir:

Your letter of the 14th instant stating that the discount on Three Ply Leather Belting was on Double Belting instead, and which was awarded to Melville Lindsay at \$1.62 $\frac{66}{100}$ per foot, has been received.

On the information contained in your letter, the award of the contract for Three Ply Leather Belting to William Estweiler at \$2.31 $\frac{12}{100}$ per foot is approved.

The award of the contract for Linseed Oil to Roller & Shoemaker at \$.54 per gallon is also approved.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

July 16th, 1891.

Supt. Mint
San Francisco, Cal.

Telegram
Confirmed

Five Hundred Thousand Dollars in Treasury Notes
placed to your credit at New York on eleventh instant.
E. O. Leech, Director.

Hon. O. L. Spaulding,

July 17, 1891.

Assistant Secretary, of the Treasury,
Sir:

Acknowledging the receipt of your communication of the 16th instant enclosing a copy of instructions addressed to the Collector of Customs at Fort Benton in regard to importations of silver-lead ore, I have the honor to state that I have today instructed the Assayer of the U. S. Assay Office at Helena Montana, to assay any samples of ore transmitted to him by the Collector without charge. Unless the importations at the point named should be heavy, I think that the analyses can be made at the Assay Office without additional expense to the Government and without requiring the appointment of an assayer for the purpose.

Very respectfully

E. W. Leach
Director of the Mint.

First Auditor

Treasury Department.

July 17, 1891

Sir:

I transmit herewith, for examination and settlement the bullion accounts of the Superintendent of the U. S. Mint at Philadelphia, Pa. for the Quarter ending Mch. 31, 1891 rendered to me for the purpose of adjustment as required by law.

Very respectfully

E. W. Leach
Director of the Mint.

Supt. U. S. Mint.
Carson, Nev.

July 17, 1891.

Sir:

I return herewith the account of "The ^{Daily} Nevada Tribune" for advertising Proposals for supplies required by your Mint enclosed in your letter of the 11th inst. with the request that as soon as the same is approved it would be returned to you to enable you to make payment.

The authority of the Secretary (of the Treasury) for the insertion of the advertisement expressly states that one copy of each issue of the paper containing the advertisement be forwarded to the Secretary of the Treasury, in one package which should have been done by the publisher of the paper, in place of which you have forwarded only 3 copies of the paper when 24 copies are required. Having undertaken to forward the account you should have seen that the requirements of the Department as expressed in the letter of authority to insert advertisements were strictly complied with so as to avoid unnecessary trouble.

The account will not be approved by the Department until the regulations are strictly complied with.

Respectfully yours,
 E. C. Leach
 Director of the Mint.

Supt. U. S. Mint
Carson, Nev.

July 17, 1891.

Sir:

Your letter of the 10th instant, enclosing corrected statement of Bars Manufactured during March 1891 has been received.

The error occurring last March and not corrected until this date shows sufficient care has not been observed in preparing statement at your institution.

Respectfully yours,

E. C. Leech
Director of the Mint.

Supt. U. S. Assay Office
New York City

July 17th, 1891.

Sir:

Enclosed please find Voucher #365, of your Ordinary account for June, which is returned for completion.

It will be observed that the "mark" of Mary Healy, has been omitted.

Respectfully yours,
E. C. Leech
Director.

Supt. U. S. Mint
New Orleans, La.

July 17, 1891.

Sir:

Enclosed herewith find account of the "Times Democrat" for advertising Proposals for Supplies required by your Mint amounting to \$30.60 and which sum is payable from

the appropriation for Contingent Expenses of your
Mint for 1891.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

Supt. U. S. Mint
New Orleans.

July 17, 1891.

Sir:

Purchases of Silver Bullion under the provisions
of the Act of July 14, 1890, have been made this
day by the Secretary of the Treasury, for de-
livery at your Mint of the following parties
at the rates and for the amounts respectively
named, which you will receive and pay for
by draft on the Assistant Treasurer at
New York, payable in Treasury notes:

Boston and Colorado

Smelting Company 150,000 Ounces, at \$1.01

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint

Similar letter, except as follows, to:

Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia.

Council Kansas City

Smelting & Refining Co., 50,000 Ounces, at \$1.01

July 17, 1891.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Barren, Nev.

Sir:

Referring to your report of coinage executed during the month of June received this day I would call your attention to the fact that there is no good reason why the report referred to should not reach this Bureau by 8th day of the month following for which the report is rendered. You will please forward in future your coinage and other statements promptly.

E. O. Leech
 Director of the Mint.

July 17, 1891.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia.

Sir:

I have examined and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement your billion accounts for the Quarter ending March 31, 1891, with my approval.

Very respectfully,
 E. O. Leech
 Director.

July 17, 1891.

Telegram Supt. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

How about the draft for seven thousand five hundred dollars that you claim not to have received?

It is an important matter and I am surprised
not to have heard from you on the subject.

E. O. Leech,
Director, Mint.

Telegram Supt. Mint.
Philadelphia, Pa.

July 17, 1891.

Strike medals for Geological Congress as
desired by Doctor Day, in the best manner
and at actual cost. Do every thing that you
can to assist him in the matter as I am
personally interested.

E. O. Leech,
Director Mint.

Telegram
Confirmed Supt. Mint.
San Francisco, Cal.

July 17, 1891.

Receive from Bank of California two Hundred
thousand ounces at one dollar and seven
eighths cents, per ounce fine.

E. O. Leech
Director, Mint.

Telegram
Confirmed Laidlaw & Co.
New York.

July 17, 1891

Your offer behalf Bank of California ac-
cepted.

E. O. Leech
Director, Mint.

Telegram American Exchange National Bank, July 17, 1891.
Confirmed New York.

Your offer declined.

E. O. Leech
Director, Mint.

Similar telegrams to:

Anglo-California Bank,
San Francisco, Cal.

Heichelbach, Leilheimer & Co.,
New York.

Isaac Brandon & Bros.,
New York.

Nevada Bank,
San Francisco, Cal.

Selby Smelting & Lead Company
San Francisco, Cal.

Nesslage, Colgate & Co.
29, Wall Street, New York.

Gimmurmann & Frohman,
11 Wall St., New York.

Moore & Schley,
80 Broadway, New York.
+ Offers +

Clark Dodge & Co.,
57 Wall Street, New York.
+ Offers +

Handy + Harman,
24 Nassau St., New York.
 + offers +

Telegram
 Confirmed

Am. Kansas City Smelting and Refining Company,
20 Nassau St., New York. July 17, 1891.

Your offer accepted.

E. O. Leech,
 Director, Mint.

Similar telegram to:

Boston + Colorado Smelting Co.
Denver, Colo.

First Auditor
Treasury Department.

July 18, 1891.

Sir:

I transmit herewith, for examination and settlement the bullion accounts of the Assayer in charge of the U.S. Assay Office at Charlotte N. C. for the quarter ending June 30th, 1891, rendered to me for the purpose of adjustment as required by law.

Very respectfully,
 E. O. Leech
 Director of the Mint.

July 18, 1891.

Assayer, U. S. Assay Office,
Charlotte, N. C.

Sir:

I have examined and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement your Bullion Accounts for the Quarter ending June 30, 1891, with my approval except overpayment of 50 cents, value of Silver parted from Gold deposit #165 and #181. The silver in #165 should be .19 standard ounces, value 16 cents instead of .64 standard ounces, value 56 cents - an error of 40 cents.

Silver in #181 should be 2.89 standard ounces, value \$2.57 instead of 3.00 standard ounces, value \$2.61, - an error of 10 cents. Total errors 50 cents, which I recommend be disallowed.

Very respectfully,
 E. O. Leech
 Director of the Mint.

Assayer, U. S. Assay Office,
Helena, Mont.

July 18, 1891.

Sir:

Referring to your requisition of the 9th ultimo for 18 blank books of small size, I would state that as the Department does not furnish books of the size 5x7 and 5 1/4 x 8 1/2 asked for, you are instructed to purchase the same in your city. Samples are returned herewith.

Respectfully yours,
 E. O. Leech
 Director of the Mint

Assayer in Charge, U.S. Assay Office,
Helena, Mont.

July 18, 1891.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your Ordinary
 Expense Account with Abstracts and Vouchers
 for the month ending June 30, 1891.

Very respectfully,

E. W. Leach
 Director.

Supt., U. S. Mint

New Orleans, La.

July 18, 1891.

Sir: -

The uncurrent Silver Coin received from
 the Treasurer on transfer orders should,
 as soon as received, be melted into shoe-bars
 and an assay made of the mass for the purpose
 of determining whether it is standard metal
 and also as a guide to the Melter & Refiner
 in preparing nuggets. If the coin assays within
 the legal deviations as to fineness allowed
 by law as is new coin, it will be reported to
 the Treasurer as standard metal and is
 charged to the Melter & Refiner, without any
 deductions for his benefit.

In case that any transfer of uncurrent
 silver coins contains three-cent silver pieces,
 such pieces will be separated from the
 other coins and melted separately, as they
 are of a different fineness.

It will probably be necessary to melt coin
 into shoe-bars first for the reason that
 the Melter & Refiner will doubtless need
 to add clippings in the preparation of nuggets,

otherwise the resulting coin is apt to run above standard.

The importance of this suggestion arises from the fact that the appropriation made by Congress for the recoilage of the silver coins in the Treasury can be used only to reimburse the Treasurer for the loss incident to such recoilage that is the actual difference between the face value of the coins with which the Treasury is charged and the value at subsidiary coining rate of the resulting mass after melting so that the Department is desirous that the loss shall be as small as possible in order that the recoilage may be as large as possible.

Very respectfully,
E. J. Sech
Director of the Mint.

Similar letters to:

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

July 18, 1891

Ottomar Haupt, Esq.,
#28, Rue St. Georges,
Paris, France.

Sir:

Your esteemed favors of the 5th and 7th instant have been received with enclosures. The general impression in this country, among those well informed, is, that the large

movement of gold to Europe has been occasioned principally by financial troubles there, notably the withdrawal of gold by Russia from Continental money centers and the carrying by London Banks of large amounts of South American securities which have no real value. Aside from any special reasons for individual shipments or arbitrage movements, the disturbances in European money markets and the necessity of replenishing their stocks of gold is a sufficient reason to account for the bulk of the movement.

For years past it has been the unvarying practice for large amounts of gold to leave this country for Europe during the summer months. This usual movement has been augmented and intensified the present summer by the causes mentioned and by other special causes.

While this movement has been large during the present summer amounting to some \$7,000,000, it will be remembered that in the summer of 1889 it amounted to over \$6,000,000, and in the summer of 1890 to some \$6,000,000.

and yet the net gain for a long series of years has been in favor of the United States.

While the loss of \$7,000,000 of gold from the great commercial city of this Union may appear serious, as a matter of fact it has not even produced a stringent money market here and the rate of money in New York has been as low as $1\frac{1}{2}\%$, and seldom higher than $2\frac{1}{2}\%$. The reason for this has been that the drain of gold to Europe has been partly supplied by the movement of money from the interior, where it is not

needed during the summer months, to Eastern financial centers and in part by the large issues of currency by the Government both in its disbursements and in the purchase of Silver bullion under the Act of July 14, 1890.

Aside from newspaper discussion and agitation, this large movement of gold has hardly produced a ripple upon the tranquil sea of business enterprise in this country. If this movement was to have taken place it could not have happened at a better time, for the reason that the demand for money in this country is always very much less in the summer, and the assurances of magnificent crops, almost unprecedented as to quantity and value, renders certain the fact that a large balance of trade must be paid to this country by Europe this fall. The very fact that the United States has been able to stand this immense drain of gold without producing any business disasters and right in the face of it to place a loan at 2%, redeemable at the pleasure of the Government, which loan is already selling above par, is the strongest proof of our magnificent financial situation.

It is a great mistake to suppose that the \$5,000,000 of paper money which the United States is issuing monthly in the purchase of Silver bullion is "silver money". As a matter of fact these notes (are full legal tender money, redeemable in gold coin, and are being redeemed in gold coin daily) and in addition have a reserve of a gold dollar's worth of silver

behind each \$1 of notes.

That the movement of gold to Europe has been caused or accelerated by the action of this Government in regard to silver, is a myth which is laughed & scorned by every one conversant with the situation in this Country.

The issue of legal-tender notes under the act of July 14, 1890, has proved an unspeakable blessing and no one of any sense here is disturbed by the issue of such money.

At the present time the gold in the Treasury is on the increase and it is believed will be very materially increased during the rest of the year.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

July 18, 1891.

To the
Selby, Smelting & Lead Co.,
San Francisco, Cal.

Gentlemen:

Replying to your favor of the 11th instant I would say that the hour for receiving offers for the sale of silver is one o'clock on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, not twelve o'clock as you supposed.

While I would be glad to accommodate you in the matter of the hour, every effort which the Department has made to change the hour from one o'clock has been resisted by the principal sellers in the East and the hour of one was fixed to suit their convenience.

For your information I would say that some of the Banks in your City offer silver through New York houses.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

Hon. Charles Foster

July 20, 1891.

Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that the Bullion Fund of the United States Assay Office at Boise City be increased in the sum of Fifteen thousand Dollars (\$15,000.-), by a transfer of that amount in lawful money, and that the same be placed to the credit of the Assayer in charge of said institution with the Boise City National Bank, Boise City, Idaho.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint

First Auditor,
Treasury Department.

July 20, 1891.

Sir:

I transmit herewith for examination and settlement the Ordinary Expense account of the Assayer in charge of the U. S. Assay Office at Denver, Colo. for the month ending June 30, 1891 rendered to me for the purpose of adjustment as required by law.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint

Assayer, U. S. Assay Office,
Boise City, Idaho.

July 20, 1891.

Sir:

I have requested that the Bullion Fund of your institution be increased by a transfer

of Fifteen Thousand Dollars (\$15,000) and that
the same be placed to your credit with the
Boise City National Bank, Boise City, Idaho.

Respectfully yours,
E. W. Leech
Director of the Mint.

Assayer in Charge, U. S. Assay Office, July 20, 1891.
Boise, Idaho.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of
your Ordinary Expense Account, with
Abstracts and Vouchers, for the Month ending
June 30, 1891.

Very respectfully,
E. W. Leech
Director.

Similar letters, except as follows, to:

Assayer in Charge,
St. Louis.

+	+	+	+	+
+	bullion accounts	+	+	Quarter
June 30 th 1891	+	+	+	+

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

+	+	+	+	+
+	Medal Fund Account	+	+	+
Quarter	+	June 30 th 1891	+	+

Telegram Supt. U. S. Mint July 20, 1891.
 Confirmed Carson City, Nevada.

Reduce purchasing rate of silver to one
 dollar per ounce fine.
 E. O. Leech
 Director, Mint.

Similar telegrams to:

Supt. U. S. Mint
New Orleans, La.

Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia, Pa.

Supt. U. S. Mint
San Francisco, Cal.

Telegram Supt. U. S. Mint July 20, 1891.
 Confirmed Carson City, Nevada.

Suspend local purchases silver until first proximo.
 E. O. Leech
 Director, Mint.

Similar telegrams to:
Supt. U. S. Mint
New Orleans, La.

Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia, Pa.

Supt. U. S. Mint
San Francisco, Cal.

Assayer in Charge, U. S. Mint

July 20, 1891.

Denver, Colo.

Sir:

I have examined and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement, your Ordinary expense account for the month ending June 30, 1891, with my approval.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech
Director.

Assayer in Charge, U. S. Mint July 20, 1891.
Denver, Colo.

Sir:

I notice by your letters of July 15th that your Chief Clerk signs your name to the same. In your absence he is, by law, the "Acting Assayer in Charge" and authorized to so sign official communications.

Your attention is also called to the fact that a Department Circular confines the formal prefix to signatures of official letters to "Respectfully yours".

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director.

July 20, 1891.
Assayer in Charge, U. S. Assay Office,
Helena.

Sir:

C. D. No. 362 for \$128.²⁵ being on account of unexpended balances of salaries U. S. Assay Office, Helena, 1891, inclosed in your communication of the 13th instant, has been received, properly endorsed, and forwarded to the Secretary of the Treasury, personal credit to be given you in your Ordinary accounts, and the amount to be covered into the Treasury as a repayment to the credit of the above appro-
 priators.

Respectfully yours,
 E. O. Leech

Director.

Two (2) Similar letters, except as follows, to same address:

C. D. No. 363 + \$114.50 + + + unexpended balance
 of Wages of Workmen + + + +
 + + + + + + + +

C. D. No. 364 + \$6.42 + + + unexpended balance
 of Contingent Expenses + + + + +
 + + + + + + + +

Three (3) Similar letters, except as follows, to:

Assayer in Charge,
St. Louis.

C. D. No. 2026 + \$107.81 + + + Melting Assaying
 & stamping Chgs. Or. end'g June 30, 1891, + + +
 communication of the — + + +
 bullion accounts + + + + +
 as a miscellaneous receipt.

C. D. No. 2027 + \$86.³⁰ + + + R. M. Rooder Grants

Gr. end'g June 30, 1891 + + + of the —
 + + + bullion accounts + + +
 as a miscellaneous receipt. + + +

C. D. No. 2028 + \$4.⁰⁰ + + + Special Assays
 of Bullion Gr. end'g June 30, 1891 + + +
 of the — + + + no personal credit
 + + + bullion accounts + + +
 as a miscellaneous receipt.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia.

July 20th 1891.

Sir:

Purchases of Silver Bullion under the provisions
 of the Act of July, 14, 1890, have been made this
 day by the Secretary of the Treasury, for delivery
 at your Mint, of the following parties, at the
 rates and for the amounts respectively, named,
 which you will receive and pay for by draft on
 the Assistant Treasurer at New York, payable
 in Treasury notes:

Handy & Hoarman 40,000 Ounces, at \$1.0035
 Messlage Colgate & Co. 50,000 Ounces, at \$1.0040
 Moore & Schley 125,000 Ounces, at \$1.0044

Respectfully yours,
 E. O. Leech
 Director of the Mint.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

July 20, 1891.

Sir:

I enclose herewith the account of the
 United States Express Company for express
 charges on returning designs for Silver

coins submitted in June last amounting to
twenty-eight dollars and fifty-five cents
[$\$28.55$] which sum you are authorized and
directed to pay, from the Appropriation for
Contingent Expenses of your Mint 1891.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech,
Director of the Mint.

July 20, 1891.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, California.

Sir:

The sale of sweeps, as reported by your telegram
of the 18th instant for six thousand four hundred
and three dollars, seventy cents [$\$6,403.70$] is
approved.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech,
Director of the Mint.

July 20, 1891.

Telegram
Confirmed

Handy & Harman,
24, Nassau Street, New York.

Your offer of four hundred thousand ounces at
one dollar, thirty-five hundredths cents,
accepted. Others declined.

E. O. Leech
Director, Mint.

July 20, 1891

Telegram
Confirmed

Messlage Colgate & Co.
29, Wall Street, New York.

Your offer of fifty thousand ounces at
one dollar, four tenths cents accepted. Others declined.

E. O. Leech, Director Mint.

Moore & Schley,
80 Broadway, New York.

July 20, 1891.

One hundred and twenty-five thousand ounces of
 your offer at one dollar, forty-four hundredths
 cents, accepted. Others declined.

E. O. Leech
 Director, Mint.

Telegram
 Confirmed

Anglo-California Bank,
San Francisco, Cal.

July 20, 1891.

Your offer declined.

E. O. Leech
 Director, Mint.

Similar telegrams to:

American Exchange National Bank,
New York.

Selby Smelting and Lead Company,
San Francisco, Cal.

Nevada Bank,
San Francisco, Cal.

Zimmermann & Torshay,
11, Wall Street, New York.

Consolidated Kansas City Smelting & Refining Co.,
20, Nassau Street, New York.

+ offers + Clark Dodge & Co.,
51 Wall Street, New York.

+ offers +

July 21, 1891.

Hon. Charles Foster

Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that a transfer be made from the Bullion Fund of the U. S. Assay Office at Boise City to that of the U. S. Mint at Philadelphia, Pa. of the sum of Thirty-five Thousand Nine Hundred and Thirty-one $\frac{80}{100}$ Dollars (\$35,931. $\frac{80}{100}$) in Gold Coin, and Three Hundred and Ninety-one $\frac{73}{100}$ Dollars (\$391. $\frac{73}{100}$) in Silver Coin, making a total of Thirty-six Thousand Three Hundred and Twenty-three $\frac{73}{100}$ Dollars (\$36,323. $\frac{73}{100}$) being the net value of Bullion heretofore forwarded by the Assayer in Charge of the United States Assay Office at Boise City, as shown by Memorandum No. 28 dated July 17, 1891, of Gold Bullion deposited at said Mint.

Very respectfully,

E. O. Leech
Director

July 21, 1891.

First Auditor,

Treasury Department.

Sir:

I transmit herewith, for examination and settlement the Ordinary and Refinery expense accounts of the Superintendent of the U. S. Assay Office at New York City for the month ending June 30, 1891, rendered to me for the purpose of adjustment as required by law.

Very respectfully,

E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

Assayer in Charge, U. S. Assay Office,
Boise City, Idaho.

July 21, 1891.

Sir:

Deposit Memorandum No. 28 dated July 17, 1891,
 of Gold Bullion forwarded by you to the United States Mint
 at Philadelphia, Shipment No. 28 dated July 11, 1891,
 has been received and examined at this Bureau, and
 the gross value was found to be $\$36,416.\frac{32}{100}$, Charges
 $\$92.\frac{57}{100}$, and net value $\$36,323.\frac{73}{100}$. For the
 latter amount a transfer has been requested from the
 bullion fund of your Institution to that of the
 United States Mint at Philadelphia.

Very respectfully,
 E. O. Leech
 Director.

Supt. U. S. Mint
Carson Nevada.

July 21, 1891.

Sir:

Your report upon the adjustment of
 weights and balances for the Quarter ended
 June 30, 1891, has been received.

Respectfully yours,
 E. O. Leech
 Director of the Mint

July 21, 1891.

Supt. U. S. Mint
Carson City, Nev.

Sir:

The following coins reserved at your Mint during the month of June, 1891, and forwarded to the Bureau of the Mint for special assay, have been received, viz:

10 S. S. Dollars	\$ 10.00
2 Eagles	20.00
2 Half Eagles	10.00
Total	<u>\$ 40.00</u>

Respectfully yours,
 E. O. Leech
 Director of the Mint.

Similar letters, except as follows to:

Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia, Pa.

4 S. S. Dollars Del'd. 148 + 149	\$ 4.00
6 Dimes " 150 + 151 + 153	60
Total	<u>\$ 4.60</u>

Supt. U. S. Mint
San Francisco, Cal.

6 S. S. Dollars	\$ 6.00
8 Double Eagles	160.00
Total	<u>\$ 166.00</u>

Supt. U. S. Mint
New Orleans, La.

10 S. S. Dollars	\$ 10.00
Total	<u>\$ 10.00</u>

Supt. U. S. Mint,
New Orleans, La.

1	July				
12	S. S. Dollars				
2	"	Del. 131			\$12.00
2	Dimes	" 132			2.00
	Total				<u>.20</u>
					<u>\$14.20</u>

Supt. U. S. Assay Office,
New York City,

July 21, 1891.

Sir:

I have examined and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement your Ordinary and Refinery Expense accounts for the month ending June 30, 1891, with my approval.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leach
Director.

Supt. U. S. Assay Office,
New York City.

July 21, 1891.

Sir:

Your letter of the 8th instant enclosing report of adjustment of Troy weights for the Quarter ended June 30, 1891, has been received.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leach
Director of the Mint.

July 21, 1891

Supt. U. S. Assay Office
New York City.

Sir:

Your register of deposits for the Quarter ended June 30, 1891, has been received.

Respectfully yours,
 E. O. Leech
 Director of the Mint.

July 21, 1891.

Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Referring to your Medal Fund account for the last quarter I find that in showing the constituents of the balance as given in the account current you claim \$30.57 of the amount to consist of "Proof Coins". While the abstract of Proof Coins pertaining to the account shows the value of these coins remaining on hand June 30, to be \$26.69. Should not your cash balance be increased by the difference between these two amounts to reconcile these parts of the account?

Respectfully yours,
 E. O. Leech
 Director.

July 21, 1891.

Supt. U. S. Mint
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

C. O. No. 37 for \$12.12 being on account of balance unexpended of appropriation for wages of workmen of your Mint 1891, inclosed in your communication

of the 15th instant has been received, properly indorsed, and forwarded to the Secretary of the Treasury, personal credit to be given you in your Ordinary expense account and the amount to be covered into the Treasury, as a repayment to the credit of the above appropriation.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leach
Director.

Similar letters, except as follows, to same address:

C. O. No. 38 for \$136.57, + + + + + Contingent
Expenses + + + + +
+ + + + +

C. O. 39 for \$977.76 + + + + + the
Coinage of Silver Bullion, Act July 14 1890, + +
+ + + + +
Coinage of Silver Bullion accounts + +

July 21, 1891.
Assayer in Charge, U. S. Assay Office,
St. Louis, Mo.

Sir:

Much difficulty has been experienced in preparing voucher # 76 of your Ordinary account for June 1890, the accounting officers of the Department. The same difficulty occurred a year ago when a similar bill was paid by you. I have therefore, to request that you will hereafter promptly forward all bills for advertising, together with a copy of each paper in which the publication appeared, to the Department for verification and approval before payment by you.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leach
Director.

July 21, 1891.

B. Westermann & Co.,
Gentlemen:

No number of the Economiste Russe has reached this office since you forwarded the first 12 nos. of that periodical here. The no. of June 15 has not yet come. There are special reasons why I am anxious to get the issues of that paper at the very earliest date possible, and if you can expedite its arrival here, by ordering it sent to the Bureau direct from Saint Petersburg, you will oblige me by doing so.

E. O. Leech
Director, Mint.

July 22, 1891

Hon. Charles Foster
Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that the Bullion Fund of the United States Mint at New Orleans be increased in the sum of Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$500,000.-) by a transfer of that amount in Treasury Notes, and that the same be placed to the credit of the Superintendent of said institution with the Assistant Treasurer U. S. at New York.

Respectfully yours
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

July 22, 1891

First Auditor,
Treasury Department.

Sir:

I transmit herewith, for examination and

settlement, the ordinary expense account of the Assayer in charge of the U. S. Assay Office at Helena, Mont. for the month ending June 30, 1891, rendered to me for the purpose of adjustment as required by law.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

Assayer in Charge, U. S. Assay Office,
Helena, Mont. July 22, 1891.

Sir:

Herewith returned please find your consolidated Statement of Expenditures for the fiscal year just closed. It will be observed that the bills paid at the Department have not been entered. I have caused the amounts to be written in, under their proper headings, in pencil. Please see that they are properly entered and carried into the proper totals.

You were advised of the payment of all these at the time, and the amounts should have been charged against your appropriation for Contingent Expenses. If such an account has been kept I will thank you to inform me, whether the total as shown by the books of this Bureau, i.e., \$166.⁰⁰, agrees with yours.

It must not be forgotten that these amounts must also appear in your Statements of Earnings and Expenditures, for the fiscal year, and accounted for as "payments made at the Department."

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director.

July 22, 1891

Assayer in Charge, U. S. Assay Office,
Helena, Montana.

Sir:

I have examined and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement your Ordinary Expense account for the month ending June 30, 1891, with my approval.

Very respectfully,
 E. W. Leech
 Director

July 22, 1891.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
New Orleans, La.

Sir:

In the adjustment of your Bullion accounts for the Quarter ended March 31, 1891, it appears that there was a disallowance in the bills of the United States Express Company of \$4.18. I find upon examination that \$1.50 of this amount was erroneously disallowed, namely, for the transportation of 1,000 silver dollars shipped to Europia, Mississippi. One dollar was allowed, while two should have been, as this coin was delivered to the Southern Express Company at Jackson, Mississippi, the lines of the United States Express Company not reaching Europia. The Company is therefore entitled to two minimums, or two dollars instead of one, as allowed.

For the transportation of \$500 shipped to Mc. Cool, Mississippi, it is found that it was necessary for the United States to transfer this to the Southern Express Company at Jackson, Mississippi,

July 22, 1891.

Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

This will introduce to you Mr. E. K. Field a student, of the Korean Government who desires to inspect the process of manufacturing coin at your Mint.

You will please afford him every facility for obtaining a thorough knowledge of minting in the United States, as carried on at your institution.

Respectfully yours,
 E. O. Leech
 Director of the Mint

July 22, 1891.

Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

The following coins reserved at your Mint during the month of July, 1891, and forwarded to the Bureau of the Mint for special assay, have been received, viz:

2 S. S. Dollars, Del. 154	2.00
Total	<u>\$2.00</u>

Respectfully yours,
 E. O. Leech
 Director of the Mint

July 22, 1891.

Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I will thank you to forward as early as practicable, to the U. S. Mint at New Orleans, ten pairs of Dime Dies for the current

calendar year.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

Sup't. U. S. Mint

July 22, 1891.

San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your Ordinary Refinery and Coinage of Silver Bullion Expense Accounts, with Abstracts and Vouchers, for the month ending June 30, 1891. Please forward your Tabulated Statement as early as practicable.

E. O. Leech,
Director.

Dr. Adolf Soetbeer,
Göttingen, Germany.

July 22, 1891.

My dear Sir:

For some time past I have been satisfied that the estimates given by this Bureau of the Silver product of Germany were far below the actual product, and I have been endeavoring to ascertain from all the publications at hand about what the actual product of silver in Germany from its own mines is annually. I am well aware that you credit Germany with the product of its smelters but as I base my statistics of the product of gold and silver upon the yield of the mines, crediting each country as nearly as possible with the actual product of its own mines regardless of the place where the ore or bullion was treated and the silver finally

extracted, it is important that I should follow this method in regard to Germany).

I have, with some care, prepared an article for my next report, which I submit for your kind consideration. You will understand that I have no pride of opinion in the matter of the statistics of the production of the precious metals as regards any country. My sole aim is to get as nearly accurate results as possible. I would esteem it a favor, therefore, if you would be kind enough to examine the inclosed article, which I send you, and let me know if you detect any faults in the conclusions which I reach, and return it to me with any criticisms which you may be kind enough to offer at your earliest convenience, so that it may reach me by September at latest.

With great respect

E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

July 22, 1891.

Hon. James G. Blaine,
Secretary of State,
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

As requested in your communication of the 21st instant, addressed to the Secretary of the Treasury, I have the honor to transmit herewith a letter addressed to the Superintendent of the United States Mint at Philadelphia, which will give Mr. E. K. Field, a student, of the Korean Government, an opportunity to thoroughly inspect the processes in use at the Mint in Philadelphia.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech, Director of the Mint.

For letter to Dr. Field,
Phila. Mint, see
page 458.

Baltimore Copper, Smelting and Rolling Company,
 Keyser Building, Baltimore, Md.
 July 22, 1891.

Gentlemen:

I will thank you to state the lowest price at which
 you will deliver to the Quartermaster, United States
 Army, in your City, for shipment to the U.S. Mint at
 San Francisco, ten (10) tons best Ingot Copper.

E. O. Leech

Director of the Mint.

Sup't, Senate Document Room,
 U. S. Senate Post Office,
 Washington, D.C.
 July 22, 1891.

Sir:

I will thank you to forward me, for the use
 of this Bureau, twelve (12) copies of Senate
 Executive Document No. 56, 51st Congress, 2nd
 Session.

Respectfully yours,

E. O. Leech

Director of the Mint.

First Auditor,
 Treasury Department.
 July 23, 1891.

Sir:

I transmit herewith, for examination and settlement,
 the Ordinary Refinery & Coinage of Silver Bullion
 accounts of the Superintendent of the U.S. Mint at
 San Francisco, for the month ending June 30th 1891,
 rendered to me for the purpose of adjustment
 as required by law.

Very respectfully,

E. O. Leech, Director of the Mint

July 23, 1891.

Hon. Charles Foster,Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that a transfer be made from the Bullion Fund of the U. S. Mint at Denver, Colo. & that of the U. S. Mint at Philadelphia, of the sum of Fifty-seven Thousand and Ninty-five $\frac{45}{100}$ Dollars ($\$57,095\frac{45}{100}$) in Gold Coin, and Eight Hundred and Twenty-seven $\frac{80}{100}$ Dollars ($\$827\frac{80}{100}$) in Silver Coin, making a total of Fifty-seven Thousand Nine Hundred and Twenty-three $\frac{25}{100}$ Dollars ($\$57,923\frac{25}{100}$) being the net value of Bullion heretofore forwarded by the Assayer in Charge of the United States Mint at Denver, as shown by Memorandum No. 1 dated July 20, 1891, of Gold Bullion deposited at said Mint.

Very respectfully,

E. O. Leech
Director.Assayer in Charge,
Bureau.

July 23, 1891.

Sir:

C. D. No. 1158 for $\$25\frac{04}{100}$, being on account of Melting Assaying & Stamping Chgs. Qr. endg. June 30, 1891, inclosed in your communication of the 18th inst., has been received, properly indorsed, and forwarded to the Secretary of the Treasury personal credit to be given you in your Bullion accounts, and the amount to be covered into the Treasury, as a miscellaneous receipt.

Respectfully yours,

E. O. Leech
Director.

Similar letters sent as follows, to same address:

C. D. No. 1159 for \$41.13, + + + + +
 Sweeps, + + + + +

C. D. No. 1160 + \$50.50, + + + + +
 Assays + + + + + + + + +
+ + + + + + + + +

C. D. No. 1175 + \$412.03 + + + + +
 Collection of Fiscal Year 1891 + + + + +

C. D. No. 1176 + \$273.59 + + + + +
 & Mint this year 1891 + + + + +

Assayer in Charge, U. S. Assay Office, Boise City, July 23, 1891

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your billions
 Accounts, with Abstracts and Vouchers, for the
 Quarter ending June 30, 1891.

Very respectfully,
 E. W. Leech
 Director.

Similar letter to:

Supt. U. S. Mint,
New Orleans.

July 23, 1891.

Sup't. U. S. Mint,
Carson City, Nevada.

Sir:

In compliance with your request of the 17th inst., I enclose herewith blank form of vouchers for advertising.

When the accounts are forwarded by the publishers of the paper together with each issue of the paper containing the advertisement, a copy of the authority will be attached to the voucher, when it is approved by the Secretary.

I enclose a blank form of authority for the guidance of the publishers in making out their account, and which should be strictly complied with.

Respectfully yours,
 E. O. Leach
 Director of the Mint

July 23, 1891.

Assayer in Charge, U. S. Mint,
Denver, Colo.

Sir:

Deposit Memorandum No. 1, dated July 20, 1891, of Gold Bullion forwarded by you to the United States Mint at Philadelphia, Shipment No. 1 dated July 15, 1891, has been received and examined at this Bureau, and the gross value was found to be, \$58,071.95, charged \$148.70, and net value \$57,923.25. For the latter amount a transfer has been requested from the bullion fund of your Institution to that of the United States Mint at Philadelphia.

Very respectfully,
 E. O. Leach
 Director.

Assayer in Charge, U. S. Assay Office,
Butte, Montana.

July 28, 1891.

Sir:

I have examined and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement your bullion accounts for the Quarter ending June 30, 1891, with my approval except error in melting charge of \$2.27 in payment of Gold Deposit No. 574, also error in parting charge of \$2.83 in payment of Gold Deposit No. 636, in all \$5.10, which I recommend be disallowed.

The net value of No. 7 Silver Deposit for Bars \$52.54 does not agree with the warrant, which shows value \$47.52. The warrant is herewith returned for correction.

You did not credit your profit and loss account with gains on collections and shipments, and proceeds of sweeps, which you should have done debiting same account with the amounts deposited to the credit of the Treasurer of the United States.

It is taken for granted that deposit No. 436 has been paid, as you have taken the amount up in your "Coin" and "Unpaid Deposit" accounts, but you have not forwarded special receipt for same, as requested in my communication of March 31st, which you will please do.

Respectfully yours,

E. O. Leech
 Director of the Mint.

July 23, 1891.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
New Orleans, La.

My dear Doctor:

I return herewith the two dimes enclosed in your letter of the 21st. which were received to-day. One of them is fairly good but the edges of the other are bad. I telegraphed you yesterday in regard to the dimes sent on for test. It seems to me that the dimes are either milled too much or else that the collars are too tight, but I have no doubt that you will ascertain where the trouble lies and promptly remedy it.

The coins are very fairly executed considering that it is the first coinage of the kind that has ever been executed at the mint at New Orleans.

Very respectfully,
 E. O. Leech
 Director.

July 23, 1891.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Referring to my request in regard to striking some medals for the International Geological Congress, which meets in this City next month, I would say, that owing to some trouble in the preparation of the dies, they will not be finished, that is the dies will not, until the morning of the 28th instant, when they will be delivered to you by Messrs. Bailey, Banks and Biddle, of your City.

I wish them struck as promptly as possible after you receive the dies, and all preliminary

steps taken previously. I believe the gentlemen in charge of the preparation of the medals desire also some sort of an attachment to the medal, struck at the Mint, which they will explain to you. If it is possible to do the work at the Mint, I wish it done.

In brief, I desire to expedite the preparation of these medals as far as the facilities of the Mint will permit, and to do the work as reasonably and as nicely as practicable.

Respectfully yours,
E.O. Leech,
Director of the Mint.

Sup't. U. S. Mint

July 23, 1891.

Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Sir:

Referring to the new designs for coins which are being prepared at your Mint, I would say that I expect to visit your Mint shortly, possibly a week from next Saturday, when I will examine the designs, and if I deem them worthy of consideration, will then decide as to the next step I will take.

Thanking you for the interest you have taken in this matter, and especially your engraver,
I am,

Respectfully yours,
E.O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

July 23, 1891.

Sup't. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

The following coins, reserved at your Mint during the month of July, 1891, and forwarded to the Bureau of the Mint for special assay, have been received, viz:

82 Coins, Del. 155

\$. 20

Total

\$. 20

Respectfully yours,

E. O. Leech

Director of the Mint.

July 23, 1891.

Sup't. U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

I have examined and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for Examination and Settlement your Ordinary Refinery & Coinage of Silver Bullion accounts for the month ending June 30, 1891, with my approval.

Very respectfully,

E. O. Leech
Director.

July 23, 1891.

Hon. P. B. Plumb,
U. S. Senate, U. S. Senate Post Office,
Washington, D.C.

My dear Senator:

Referring to the newspaper slip, enclosed in your letter of the 21st instant I would say that I am at a loss to know where the figures were obtained. In an article I wrote for the March number of the North American

Review, I gave the stock of gold and silver and uncovered paper moneys in the principal countries of the world as far as they could be ascertained. In my annual reports each year I give a statement showing the moneys of the United States both metallic and paper, and the location of the same, separating the amount in the Treasury, and in National banks from the amount in general circulation. The total amount of the metallic and paper issues of the United States on the first of July, 1890, was somewhat near the figure mentioned for the United States in the newspaper slip you enclosed, but it did not purport to give that ^{as the} amount of money in circulation. The total amount of money in circulation in the United States, paper and metallic exclusive of all in the Treasury, was, on the first of this month about fifteen hundred million dollars or about twenty-five dollars per capita, which is larger than the circulating medium of any country in the world except France, where, as you know, banking facilities do not exist outside of the large cities and checks and other substitutes for money are not used to nearly the same extent as in Great Britain and the United States.

I respectfully refer you to a table on page 309 of the North American Review, for March, as to the stock of money in civilized countries, including the United States.

Very truly yours,
E. O. Leach
Director of the Mint.

July 23, 1891

J. J. Schlicher, Esq.,

No. 343 West Washington Avenue,
Madison, Wisconsin.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 20th instant I forwarded you on that date a copy of my report on the Production of the Precious Metals in the United States for the Calendar Year 1890. On pages 242 and 243 you will find an estimate of the world's production of Gold and Silver in the principal countries of the world for the years 1887, 1888 and 1889, and on page 66 an approximate estimate of the world's production for 1890.

In reply to your question as to the amount of gold, full and limited tender silver, and the note circulation of the principal countries of the world, I would respectfully refer you to a table in an article in the March number of the North American Review, prepared by the Director of the Mint.

The Annual Consumption of gold and silver in the industrial arts in the world is difficult to estimate, but has been placed at from \$40,000,000 to \$60,000,000 of gold and from \$15,000,000 to \$25,000,000 of Silver.

Respectfully yours,
E. A. Leech
Director of the Mint.

First Auditor,

July 24, 1891.

Sir: Treasury Department

I transmit herewith, for examination and settlement, the Ordinary Expense account of the Assayer in Charge of the U. S. Assay Office at Boise Idaho for the month ending June 30, 1891, rendered to me for the purpose of adjustment as required by law.

Very respectfully,

E. O. Leech

Director of the Mint.

Similar letters, except as follows, to same address:

+	+	+	+	+
-	Charlotte, N. C.	-	+	+

+	+	+	+	+
+	+	St. Louis	+	+
-	-	-	+	+

+	+	+	+	+
-	Medal Fund	+	+	+
Mint	+	Philadelphia	Quarter	June 30,
-	-	-	+	+

-	+	+	+	+
+	bullion accounts	+	+	+
+	Helena, Mont	+	+	+
-	-	+	+	+

+	+	+	+	+
+	bullion accounts	+	+	+
+	+	St. Louis, Mo.	+	Quarter + June 30,
-	-	-	+	+

July 24, 1891.
Assayer in Charge, U. S. Assay Office,
Boise City, Idaho.

Sir:

I have today approved and referred for payment from your appropriation for wages and contingent expenses 1891, a bill of The Idaho Statesman, amounting to \$5.50 for advertising for proposals for supplies for your institution during the current year. I have caused this expenditure to be entered on your Tabulated statement for the year 1891, under the heading of 'Printing' and it will be necessary to report the amount in your Annual Statement of Earnings and Expenditures.

Respectfully yours,
 E. O. Leech
 Director.

July 24, 1891.
Assayer in Charge,
U. S. Assay Office,
Boise Idaho.

Sir:

I have examined and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement your Ordinary Expense Account for the month ending June 30, 1891, with my approval.

Very respectfully,
 E. O. Leech
 Director.

Similar letters to:
Assayer in Charge, U. S. Assay Office,
Charlotte, N. C.

over

Assayer in Charge, U. S. Assay Office,
St. Louis, Mo.

Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia, Pa.

Medal Fund + + Quarter ending June 30 + +

Assayer in Charge,
St. Louis.

+ Bullion accounts + + Quarter ending June 30 + +

Supt. U. S. Mint
Carson City, Nevada.

July 24, 1891

Sir:

I return herewith your Statement of silver purchased during the fiscal year 1891, for correction. Your Form 193 for the month of September 1890, shows Surplus Bullion recovered, 37 ounces, costing \$35.85 and for December, 26.66 ounces, costing \$23.99. You have omitted these amounts in your Statement of purchases. In January, 1891, 10.66 of an ounce, costing \$0.59, transferred from Standard Silver Bullion, is omitted. You report the total purchases for March as 59,403.38 standard ounces, costing \$52,483.10, whilst your Form 193 for the same month shows the purchases to have been 59,472.96 ounces, costing \$52,547.84, a difference of \$64.74, which amount is made up of excess of amount received in charges reported on Form 193, and the amount now reported of surplus bullion recovered in March.

I will thank you to make corrections, and return statements inclosed with the corrected ones.

Your earliest attention is requested.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint

July 24, 1891.
Assayer in Charge, U. S. Assay Office,
Helena, Montana.

Sir:

Your statement of Earnings and Expenditures for the Quarter ending June 30, 1891, is herewith returned for correction. You will please forward your Fiscal year statement of Earnings and Expenditures immediately. Also statement of Assets and Liabilities showing the number of ounces of Gold and Silver, and value of each, in transit to Philadelphia Mint and not taken up in your bullion accounts June 30, 1891.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint

July 24, 1891.
Supt. U. S. Mint,
New Orleans, La.

Sir:

Your statement of Deposits and Purchases for fiscal year 1891 are returned herewith for correction.

The amount of transfers from Mint at Philadelphia and the Assay Office at New York should be entered on your statement Form No. 60 as redeposits either as line or unparted bars as the case may be. You will also forward corrected statement (Form No. 60) for August, September, November and

calendar year, 1890, and also for June 1891, showing
the amount of redeposits during the months named.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

Sup't U. S. Mint
New Orleans, La.

July 24, 1891.

Sir:

The following coins, reserved at your Mint during
the month of July, 1891, and forwarded to the
Bureau of the Mint for special assay, have been
received, viz:

2 Dimes, Del. 134	\$.20
Total	<u>\$.20</u>

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech,
Director of the Mint.

Similar letter, except as follows, to:

Sup't U. S. Mint
Philadelphia, Pa.

2 S. S. Dollars, Del. 156	\$ 2.00
Total	<u>\$ 2.00</u>

July 24, 1891.

Assayer in Charge,
U. S. Assay Office,
St. Louis, Mo.

Sir:
C. O. No. 2046 for \$.60, being on account of
expended balance of wages & contingent expenses of
your office, inclosed in your communication of
the 3rd instant, has been received, properly

indorsed, and forwarded to the Secretary of the Treasury, personal credit to be given you in your Ordinary Expense accounts and the amount to be covered into the Treasury, as a repayment to the credit of the appropriation.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director.

July 24, 1891.

George Anderson Esq.
Deputy Master Royal Mint
Melbourne, Australia.

Dear Sir:

Your esteemed favor of the 5th. ultimo enclosing a statement of the estimated product of gold and silver in Australasia during the calendar year 1890, is at hand, and I beg to express the thanks of this Bureau for your courtesy in forwarding the same.

In regard to the report of the Committee on Coinage, Weights and Measures of the House of Representatives on the silver question, the records of this Bureau show that such report was mailed you on the same day that the report on the production of the precious metals for the year 1890 was mailed.

If you have not received the report of the Coinage Committee by the time this reaches you, if you will let me know I will forward another copy. I would do so but only a limited number of these reports were placed at my disposal and as they are in great demand I do not wish to duplicate a copy of it if it can be avoided.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

Hon. George S. Batcheller,
U.S. Minister Resident and Consul General,
Lisbon, Portugal. July 24, 1891.

Sir:

Your esteemed favor of the 30th ultimo enclosing the information called for by the circular of the Department of State of December 10, 1890 in regard to the production, carriage and movement of the precious metals from the Kingdom of Portugal during the calendar year 1890, has been received, and I beg to express the thanks of the Bureau for your courtesy in forwarding the same.

Very respectfully,
 E. O. Leech
 Director of the Mint.

July 24, 1891.
Baltimore Copper Smelting and Rolling Company,
Loyer Building,
Baltimore, Maryland.

Gentlemen:

Your offer to deliver ten tons of the best ingot copper to the Quarter Master, U.S. Army, in your city for shipment to the Mint of the United States at San Francisco, at twelve and one-half cents, [$\$0.12\frac{1}{2}$] per pound, is accepted.

I will thank you to deliver the copper to the Quarter-master as early as practicable.

Respectfully yours,
 E. O. Leech
 Director of the Mint.

July 24, 1891.
Major Andrew J. Mc Ginnide,
Quartermaster U. S. Army,
Baltimore, Maryland.

Sir:

I have requested the Baltimore Copper Smelting and Rolling Company to deliver to you ten [10] tons more copper for shipment to the United States Mint at San Francisco.

I will thank you to forward the same.

Respectfully yours,

E. O. Leech
 Director of the Mint.

July 25, 1891.

First Auditor,
Treasury Department.

Sir:

I transmit herewith for examination and settlement, the billion accounts of the Assayer in Charge of the U. S. Assay Office at Denver Colo., for the Quarter ending June 30, 1891, rendered to me for the purpose of adjustment as required by law.

Very respectfully,

E. O. Leech
 Director of the Mint.

July 25, 1891.
Assayer in Charge, U. S. Assay Office,
Boise City, Idaho.

Sir:

I have approved and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Treasury, for examination and settlement, an account of the Union Pacific (Great Short Line & Utah Northern) Railway Co., for the

transportation in the month of August, 1890, from
 Granger to Boise Idaho, of one bale of Carpet,
 amounting to \$3.13, consigned to your care (payable
 from the appropriation for wages and contingent
 expenses of your office fiscal year 1891).
 Duplicate B/L herewith. Your statements of
 tabulated expenditures & earnings & expenditures
 will be changed to conform herewith.

Very respectfully
 E. O. Leech,
 Director.

Similar letter except as follows, to same address:

+	+	+	+	+
	(Main Line)	+	+	August 1891,
+	Council Bluffs to Granger Wyo.	+	+	\$3.96
+	+	+		

Similar letter, except as follows, to:

Sup't. U. S. Mint
Carson, Nev.

+	+	+	+	+	two accounts
+	+	(Main Line)	+	+	December 1890,
+	Council Bluffs	+	+	+	Rock Springs to Ogden, Utah, of
+	Coal and Sawdust	+	+	+	\$93.21
+	Contingent Expenses U. S. Mint, Carson, fiscal year 1891.	+	+	+	

Duplicate B/L herewith. This expenditure must appear in
 your annual statements.

Similar letter, except as follows, to:

Sup't. U. S. Mint
San Francisco, Cal.

+	+	+	+	+	(Main Line)
+	+	+	+	+	January 1891, Council Bluffs to Ogden
+	+	+	+	+	\$106.80
+	Bertha Spelter	+	+	+	

"Partnering and Refining Bullion".

Very respectfully

July 25, 1891.

Assayer in Charge,
Denver.

Sir:

I have examined and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement, your bullion accounts for the Quarter ending June 30, 1891, with my approval.

Very respectfully,

E. O. Leech
Director.

Telegram

July 25, 1891

Sup't. U. S. Mint
New Orleans, La.

Telegraph me at close of business to-day how many dimes you have shipped on Treasurer's transfer orders. Expedite shipments. Ten coins just received fairly good but can be improved.

E. O. Leech

Director, Mint.

July 25, 1891.

Sup't. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

The following coins, reserved at your Mint during the month of July, 1891, and forwarded to the Bureau of the Mint for special assay, have been received, viz.

2 U. S. Dollars	Del. 157	\$ 2.00
2 Dimes	" 158	.20
Total		<u>\$ 2.20</u>

Respectfully yours,

E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia, Pa.

July 25, 1891.

Sir:

I am surprised to see in the paper a list of the people dismissed from the Mint and also to have received letters from some of them, while up to this date no removals have been submitted to this Bureau for approval.

As no removals can take effect until they have received the approval of this Bureau it seems to me that it would have been more proper and wiser, if these removals have actually been made, to have awaited the official action of this Bureau before making them public.

I write to enquire when the list of removals will be forwarded.

Very respectfully,
 E. O. Leech
 Director of the Mint.

Telegram

Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia, Pa.

July 25, 1891

Tell New York and Boston's order for dimes before any others. You were instructed by me to do this. Let the Bureau know at close of business today how many dimes you have coined and shipped to date (and the places). Severe complaints of delay in dime coinage.

E. O. Leech,
 Director, Mint.

July 25, 1891.

Supt. U. S. MintSan Francisco, California.

Sir:

The Treasurer reports that you have not taken up the transfer order of \$1,000,000 in uncurrent silver coin transferred from the Assistant Treasurer for recoinage.

You will please inform me why this transfer has not been taken up and what steps you have taken to convert the coin into quarter-dollars and dimes.

You will please report by telegraph at the close of business each Saturday what coinage you have made during the week of dimes and quarter-dollars.

You will proceed to execute this coinage without delay.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leach
Director of the Mint.

July 25, 1891.

Supt. U. S. MintSan Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

In your letter of the 17th instant reporting the amount of silver delivered by the Selby Smelting and Lead Company on their sale of the first instant, you report the amount delivered as 757,916.50 ounces at \$1.0225. The cost of the same should be \$77,624.62 and not \$77,623.00, as reported by you being a difference of \$0.92, which I will thank you to explain.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leach

Director of the Mint.

Hon. Charles Foster,

July 27, 1891.

Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that a transfer be made from the Bullion Fund of the U. S. Assay Office at Helena to that of the U. S. Mint at Philadelphia, of the sum of Fifty seven Thousand Nine Hundred and Seven $\frac{30}{100}$ Dollars, (\$57,907. $\frac{30}{100}$) in Gold Coin, and Eight Hundred and Ninety $\frac{38}{100}$ Dollars (\$890. $\frac{38}{100}$) in Silver Coin, making a total of Fifty-eight Thousand Seven Hundred and Ninety-seven $\frac{68}{100}$ Dollars, (\$58,797. $\frac{68}{100}$) being the net value of Bullion heretofore forwarded by the Assayer in Charge of the United States Assay Office at Helena, as shown by Memorandum No. 1 dated July 11, 1891, of Gold Bullion deposited at said Mint.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech
Director.

First Auditor

July 27, 1891.

Treasury Department.

Sir:

I transmit herewith, for examination and settlement, the bullion accounts of the Assayer in Charge of the U. S. Assay Office at Boise, Idaho, for the Quarter ending June 30, 1891, rendered to me for the purpose of adjustment as required by law.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

July 27, 1891.

Assayer in Charge,
Bosé -

Sir:

I have examined and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement your bullion accounts for the Quarter ending June 30, 1891, with my approval,

Very respectfully,
E. W. Seech,
Director.

July 27, 1891.

Assayer in Charge,
U. S. Assay Office
Bosé, Idaho.

Sir:

I have approved and referred to the proper Accounting Officers of the Treasury for examination and settlement, an account of the Union Pacific (Oregon Short Line & Utah Northern Div.) Railway Co., for the transportation in the Month of September, 1890, from Drangur Wyo. to Bosé City, Idaho of one box of Stationery, amounting to \$1.23 consigned to your care, payable from the appropriation for wages and contingent expenses of your office 1891, Duplicate B/L herewith. Your annual statements of Expenditures will be increased by this amount.

Very respectfully,
E. W. Seech
Director.

Similar letter except as follows, to:

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Carson, Nev.

+ + + + (main line) +

+ February 1891, + Cornail Bluffs to
 Ogden + one case of Stationery + + \$5.³⁷ +
 + Contingent Expenses of your Mint,
 fiscal year 1891.
 Duplicate B/L herewith.

Similar letter, except as follows to:

Supt. U. S. Mint
San Francisco, Cal.

+ Main Line + + February 1891,
 + Cornail Bluffs to Ogden Utah + 20 Casks Copper
 and 4 packages of Stationery amounting to \$3295.
 + Contingent Expenses of
 your Mint 1891, Duplicate bills of lading herewith.

Supt. U. S. Mint
Carson City, Nev.

July 27, 1891.

Sir:

I transmit herewith the Assayer's report upon assay coins
 taken from the first and two subsequent deliveries
 in each week at your Mint during the month of
 June, 1891, and forwarded for test as prescribed by
 the Regulations.

The Coins were found to be within the legal limits
 of tolerance.

Respectfully yours,
 E. O. Leech,
 Director of the Mint.

Similar letters to:

Supt. U. S. Mint
New Orleans, La.

Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia, Pa.

Supt. U. S. Mint
San Francisco, Cal.

July 27, 1891.

M. E. Smith Esq.,Assayer in Charge, U. S. Mint
Denver, Col.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 22nd inst. in regard to the photograph of your mint which you were kind enough to send for the use of this Bureau I would say that the same has been received, properly framed and hung in this office and there is nothing to pay. I regret that the photograph showed the large building next door with the firm's name on it as it makes the picture look somewhat like an advertisement of that firm. I am much obliged to you for it, however.

Very respectfully,

E. O. Leech
Director.

July 27, 1891.

Assayer in Charge, U. S. Assay Office
Helena, Mont.

Sir:

Deposit Memorandum no. 1, dated July 20, 1891, of Gold Bullion forwarded by you to the United States Mint at Philadelphia Shipment No. 1 dated July 11, 1891, has been received and examined at this Bureau and the gross value was found to be \$ 58,940. ^{$\frac{22}{100}$} Charges \$142. ^{$\frac{54}{100}$} and net value \$58,797. ^{$\frac{68}{100}$} . For the latter amount a transfer has been requested from the bullion fund of your Institution to that of the United States Mint at Philadelphia.

Very respectfully,

E. O. Leech
Director.

Supt. U. S. Mint
New Orleans, La.

July 27, 1891.

Sir:

Referring to your communication of the 22nd inst., enclosing ten dimes, and the others five at 12 o'clock, after the coinage of about \$2,500, I would say that these coins, which are herewith returned, are satisfactory although I think they could be slightly improved in the ledges.

In this connection I would say that the dimes forwarded for special assay deliveries Nos. 135 and 136 of the 23rd inst. are far inferior in execution to the dimes herewith returned, and as they were done at a later date I am afraid that the character of the work is not improving. They are certainly not as well executed as the dimes struck at Philadelphia. It would appear as if the dies are not well set as they do not seem in all instances to strike the center of the blank. This may be due to the fact that the dies are not properly centered, or the fingers are not delivering the blanks in the proper position. This is a mere surmise, however, and I give it to you for what it is worth.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech,
Director.

Supt. U. S. Mint
New Orleans, Louisiana.

July 27, 1891.

Sir:

I enclose herewith statement of Silver Purchases, which through an inadvertence, was not inclosed in my letter of the 16th instant.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech,
Director of the Mint.

July 27, 1891.

Sup't. U. S. Mint,
New Orleans, La.

Sir:

The following coins, reserved at your Mint during the month of July, 1891, and forwarded to the Bureau of the Mint for special assay, have been received, viz:

4 Coins, Delo. 135 & 136	\$.40
Total	\$.40

Respectfully yours
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

Two (2) Similar letters, except as follows, to:

Sup't. U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

2 Double Eagles, Del. 48	\$40.00
2 " " " 49	40.00
Total	\$80.00

2 Double Eagles Del. 50	40.00
Total	\$40.00

July 27, 1891.

Sup't. U. S. Assay Office,
New York City.

Sir:

I enclose herewith the account of the Tribune for advertising proposals for supplies required by your Office, amounting to \$100.80, which sum is payable from your Appropriation for Contingent Expenses.

for fiscal year ended June 30, 1891.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

Supt. U. S. Mint,

July 27, 1891.

Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Sir:

You will please have struck, and mounted, for the Life-Saving Service two [2] silver medals, placing the same in a suitable morocco case, and forwarding them, with your bill made out on the accompanying blank voucher, to this Bureau.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

Supt. U. S. Mint,

July 27, 1891.

Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Replying to your communication of the 25th instant, relative to the profits on the coinage of trade dollar, billion, you are instructed to carry such profits to the credit of your "Silver profit fund", act of 1890, and to pay the expenses of the coinage from the same fund.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech
Director.

Supt. U. S. Mint.
Philadelphia, Pa.

July 27, 1891.

Sir:

I will thank you to forward without delay the statements of silver purchases, &c., called for in my letter of the 9th ultimo.

Respectfully yours,
 E. O. Leech
 Director of the Mint.

Similar letter to:
Supt. U. S. Mint.
San Francisco, Cal.

Hon. Charles Foster

July 28, 1891.

Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that a transfer be made from the Bullion Fund of the U. S. Assay Office at Helena to that of the U. S. Mint at Philadelphia, of the sum of Twenty-one Thousand Three Hundred and Thirty-four $\frac{52}{100}$ Dollars ($\$21,334.\frac{52}{100}$) in Gold Coin, and One Hundred and Fifty-five $\frac{40}{100}$ Dollars ($\$155.\frac{40}{100}$) in Silver Coin, making a total of Twenty-one Thousand Four Hundred and Eighty-nine $\frac{92}{100}$ Dollars ($\$21,489.\frac{92}{100}$) being the net value of Bullion heretofore forwarded by the Assayer in Charge of the United States Assay Office at Helena, as shown by Memorandum No. 2 dated July 25, 1891, of Gold Bullion deposited at said Mint.

Very respectfully,
 E. O. Leech, Director.

Assayer in Charge U. S. Assay Office,
Boleha Mount.

July 28, 1891.

Sir:

Deposit Memorandum No. 2, dated July 25, 1891, of Gold Bullion forwarded by you to the United States Mint at Philadelphia. Shipment No. 2 dated July 18, 1891, has been received and examined at this Bureau and the gross value was found to be \$21,541.97, charges \$52.05, and net value \$21,489.92. For the latter amount a transfer has been requested from the bullion fund of your Institution to that of the United States Mint at Philadelphia.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech
Director.

Telegram
Confirmed

Assayer in Charge U. S. Office,
Boise City, Idaho.

July 28, 1891.

Have received no invoice of shipment number one.
E. O. Leech
Director, Mint.

Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia, Pa.

July 28, 1891.

Sir:

I have received the report of Messrs. Whitehead and Henson. The gentlemen designated by me to superintend the annual settlement and count at your Mint on the 30th ult. and I desire to congratulate you and the officers of your Mint upon the highly satisfactory settlement which they made. The surplus of the Melter and Refiner, especially the gold, would indicate that the deductions for his

benefit by the weigh clerk are excessive. You will please instruct the weigh clerk only to make the deductions authorized by the regulations and in no case to exceed them.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech
Director.

July 28, 1891.

R. O. Rothwell, Esq.,

27 Park Place, New York.

Dear Sir:

I thank you for your communication of the 27th inst. relative to the cost of producing silver in Australia. I would be pleased to have the reports of the "Broken Hill Proprietary Co." for 1890, or a carefully prepared statement of the product of the mines of Australia for that year.

I have a statement from the Deputy master of the Royal Mint at Melbourne as to the silver product of Australia, 1890 and I would like to publish both.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

July 28, 1891.

Thomas Jordan, Esq.,

Financial & Mining Record, New York.

Dear Sir:

Acknowledging the receipt of your communication of the 25th inst. I send you herewith a statement showing the amount of gold, silver and other moneys in circulation in the United States on the first inst. The estimate for gold and silver being only approximate.

I have made no further estimate of the gold and silver product of the world for the calendar year 1890 since that published in my report on the production of the precious metals for the calendar year 1890. I have made no further estimate of the gold and silver product of the world for the calendar year 1890 since that published in my report on the production of the precious metals for the calendar year 1890. I have considerable data on hand and am receiving more, but the responses to the annual circular sent out through the Department of State are not as a rule complete before October or November and I don't take up the subject of a revised estimate until the last moment prior to the publication of my fiscal report.

Very respectfully,

E. W. Leach

Director of the Mint.

July 28, 1891.

Thomas Jordan Esq.

Editor, Financial and Mining Record,

New York.

Dear Sir:

In the article in your issue of the 25th inst. entitled "Lisbon's Financial Crisis", you say: In his testimony as the representative of the Treasury Department before the House Committee on Coinage, Weights and Measures, the present Director of the Mint, last January, allotted to the little Iberian Kingdom \$40,000,000, out of the sum total which he estimated to be at the present disposition of mankind for commercial or monetary purposes x x x Recognizing Mr. Leach's opportunities for the acquisition of correct information it was with genuine reluctance that we felt forced at the time to

dispute such an estimate as greatly in excess of any actual amount of gold in Portugal whether hoarded or visible.

From a careful examination of all the data I am forced to the conclusion that I underestimated the gold stock of Portugal, I certainly have if the figures given by Haupt in his "Histoire Monétaire de notre Temps" are even approximately correct. He says in that work, p. 354, that a high monetary authority in Lisbon furnished the following estimate of Portugal's gold monetary stock for the end of 1885:

Imports of gold less exports from 1854	
At 1885, in English sovereigns	41,000,000 milreis
Coinage of National pieces	6,000,000 "
Estimate of amount of old gold, coins	3,000,000 "
Total	50,000,000

Haupt considered this estimate too high, especially the balance of imports of English gold. Up to May 1884 there was a tax amounting, with other expenses, to about one per cent ad valorem on the export of gold from Portugal, and it is certain that large quantities were exported clandestinely to escape it. Haupt, therefore, did not admit so large a gold stock for Portugal, and instead of the above gave the following figures for the end of 1885:

Gold in the Banks	3,000,000 milreis
Gold in circulation	38,000,000 "
Total	41,000,000 milreis

or 9,000,000 milreis less than the estimate of his Lisbon correspondent, a difference presumably sufficient to cover the amounts secretly exported.

Now 41,000,000 milreis is equivalent to \$44,280,000. How has that stock been affected since 1885? If you will consult the Reports of this Bureau for 1887,

1888, 1889 and 1890 you will see that since then the imports of gold into Portugal have each year exceeded the exports. I here give the excess of gold imports into Portugal numbers, from 1886 to 1890 both inclusive, in round numbers, as officially reported to this Bureau:

1886	
1887	\$10,200,000
1888	4,760,000
1889	4,400,000
1890	8,800,000
Total	4,050,000
	32,210,000

Adding this to the amount at the end of 1885, would give a gold stock at the beginning of the year of nearly \$77,000,000.

The figures for 1890 have only reached the Bureau and will appear in my next fiscal report, now in course of preparation.

I have taken Haupt's figures in the above, because no one is or should be a judge in his own cause. It is well known that the bulk of the gold in Portugal consists of English sovereigns. Haupt estimated the amount of English sovereigns in Portugal at the end of 1885, at 25,000,000 milreis or \$37,800,000.

Is there anything so very improbable in the above estimate of the monetary gold stock of Portugal? Gold is the sole standard of Portugal. Silver is by law legal tender only to the amount of 50 milreis, although it has long been customary to make and accept one-third of all payments in silver. The notes of the Banks are convertible on demand into gold. Circumstances prevent this temporarily, during the present crisis, as they have in times past, even in England; but the present crisis does not affect the correctness

of the above figures. With its present monetary system Portugal must always have a large amount of gold outside the Banks and in the hands, if not in the stockings, of the people.

Even if it were admitted that in 1854 there was no stock of old gold coin in Portugal, the estimate of \$77,000,000 above given would have to be decreased by only \$3240,000. You might still deduct \$33,000,000 for errors in the estimate and have \$40,000,000 left. I see no escape from this conclusion, except the unwarranted assumption that "it can't be so".

Confirmatory of the above estimate is a statement made by the Portuguese Minister of Finance, to be found in a telegram dated Lisbon, May 11th, 1891, to be found in the June number of the "London Bankers Magazine".

To the inquiry: "How much do you estimate is the value of the gold currency actually locked up in Portugal?" He replied: "There is six billions of pounds sterling".

In a communication from our Minister at Lisbon dated the 30th ultimo, which is before me in answer to the interrogatory as to the stock of gold in Portugal, the official answer of the Minister of Finance is "approximately, ten million pounds sterling".

As I have often said to you and to others I have no pride of opinion in the estimates which I have given of the stock of the precious metals in civilized countries. All the estimates which I have given are either official estimates of the Governments themselves or are based upon a careful review of the best estimates of European financial writers. May I ask you to give this letter the same publicity as you did the editorial on "Lisbon's Financial Crisis".

Very respectfully,

E. O. Leech

Director of the Mint

Assayer in Charge, U. S. Mint,
Denver Colo.

July 29, 1891.

Sir:

The official bond of Ralph C. Webster, recently appointed Weigh Clerk of your Mint, has been approved by the Secretary of the Treasury, and was yesterday filed in the office of the First Comptroller.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

July 29th, 1891.

Sir:

The following coins reserved at your Mint during the month of July, 1891, and forwarded to the Bureau of the Mint for special assay, have been received viz:

4 S. S. Dollars, Del'd 100 + 161	\$4.00
Total	<u>\$4.00</u>

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

Similar letter, except as follows, to:

Supt. U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

2 Double Eagles Del'd 51	\$40.00
Total	<u>\$40.00</u>

July 29, 1891.

W. H. West, Esq.,
Bellevue, Ohio.

My dear Judge:

Enclosed I send you the information requested

in your communication of the 24th inst. I also send you a copy of some information furnished Senator Sherman to-day which may be valuable to you.

I send you by mail to-day a copy of the hearings before the Silver Committee, in which you will find in my testimony and the testimony of business men from large commercial cities material for argument against free coinage.

Very respectfully,

E. C. Leech
Director of the Mint.

July 29, 1891.

Thomas Jordan, Esq.,
Financial & Mining Record,
New York.

Dear Sir:

Referring to the slip touching the annual trial of the Papp at the British Mint, herewith returned, I would say that a similar ceremony is performed in this country annually by Commissioners designated by the President of the United States, from private life, for that purpose. I enclose herewith a copy of the last report of the Commissioners for 1890, which will give you the full details of the last trial of the Papp.

Very respectfully,

E. C. Leech
Director of the Mint.

July 30, 1891.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Carson City, Nev.

Sir:

I transmit herewith the Assayer's report upon Assay coins taken from the first and two subsequent deliveries in each week at your Mint during the month of June, 1891, and forwarded for test as pre-

scribed by the Regulations.
The coins were found to be within the legal limits of tolerance.

Respectfully yours,

E. O. Leech

Director of the Mint.

Similar letter to:

Supt. U. S. Mint,

San Francisco, Cal.

Supt. U. S. Mint,

New Orleans, La.

July 30, 1891.

Sir:

The following coins, reserved at your Mint during the month of July, 1891, and forwarded to the Bureau of the Mint for special assay, have been received, viz:

2 S. S. Dollars	Del. 139	\$ 2.00
Total		<u>\$ 2.00</u>

Respectfully yours,

E. O. Leech

Director of the Mint.

Similar letters, except as follows, to:

Supt. U. S. Mint,

Philadelphia, Pa.

2 S. S. Dollars	Del. 162	\$ 2.00
Total		<u>\$ 2.00</u>

Supt. U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

2 Double Eagles	Del. 52	\$ 40.00
Total		<u>\$ 40.00</u>

July 30, 1891.

Supt. U. S. Mint
New Orleans, La.

Sir:

The six dimes enclosed in your communication of the 27th inst. are returned herewith. They are an improvement on any previously sent.

I should think a pair of dies would strike \$10,000 or \$15,000 in dimes but I may be mistaken in this.

You can ascertain by telegraphing to Philadelphia. The trouble with your dimes, it seems to me, has been in the milling, but which is being improved. If the dimes continue as well as present it will not be necessary to forward any more to this bureau for examination, except the regular pieces for monthly test.

Very respectfully
 E. O. Leech
 Director.

July 30, 1891.

Supt. U. S. Mint
New Orleans, Louisiana.

Sir:

You will please forward to the Treasurer of the United States, without delay, statements showing the amount of incurrent silver coin received on transfer orders for recoinage, and the loss on the same in order that he may be reimbursed for the loss and no deficiency appear in your bullion accounts.

Respectfully yours
 E. O. Leech
 Director of the Mint.